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Desert

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WATARU MURAYA

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nd an entire world
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te reverie becomes
which he dreams.
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and experience real
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DAYDREAM BELIE

Naoto Saki has an imagination so far-reaching that he has fou within his daydreams. He dreams of a fantasy world when h barren deserts and marvelous creatures. One day, his elaborat reality when he is magically summoned into the very world of Suddenly, a boy's fancies are transformed into panic, as Naoto i between the Elphis and the Sand Dusts. He can feel pain here danger! Returning home is his only wish, but the beauti summoned him has other plans...

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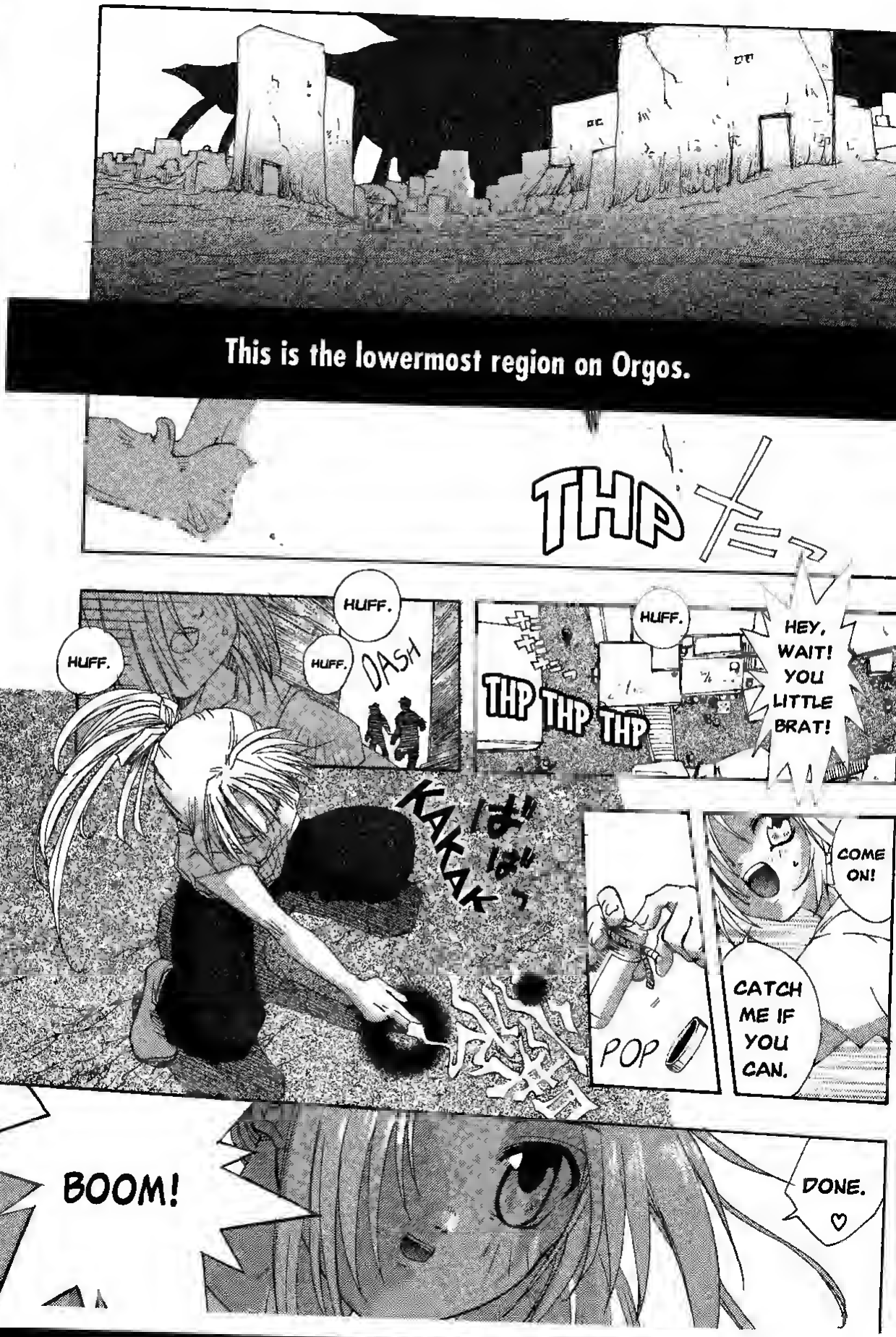


#1 ANOTHER WORLD

BA-KOOM
WHOA!
WHA?!
JUMP
BOOM!
IT'S LOUD, BUT IT'S JUST A SMOKE BOMB.
GRARR!
WHERE'D THAT KID GO?!
WHAT A CHEAP SHOT!
CALM DOWN. IT'S JUST A SMOKE BOMB.
KOFF KOFF
WHA, WHAT THE-?!
PWOOFFF
WAUGH!
KOFF!

PHEW!
MAN, ALL THIS RUNNIN' HAS WORN ME OUT!
OOMPH.
THMP
There is no order...
I'LL LET CAMU HANDLE THE REST...
LOOK OVER THERE!
I'LL GO THIS WAY.
PWFFF
Fighting is a part of life...
?!
THAT'S FAR ENOUGH!
GIVE IT UP!
CRNCH
WHAT?
YEAH.
IF WE DON'T FIND THAT KID, WE'RE DONE FOR!

YOU WANNA FIGHT, WENCH?!
WHA?!
YOU WANT SOME?!
YOUR EVILDOING IS AT AN END!
NOW THAT I, LADY CAMU, AM HERE...
C'MON, GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT!
LESS TALK, MORE FIGHTING!
※ NICKNAME FOR THE LOWERMOST REGION
I AM THE BEST WARRIOR SHAMAN IN THE ABYSS*!
HURRY UP AND GET THEM!
AND?
POINT!
TA-DAA!
It is a world in turmoil:
THERE'S A NICE BREEZE TODAY...
HM.
SHWP
a planet called Orgos.

SPIRITS OF THE WIND! ALIGN YOURSELVES TO ME...
FWOOOOO
GATHER, AND SHOW US YOUR POWER!
DID SHE FORGET I'M HERE, TOO?!
JUMP!
W, WAIT A MINUTE! LET'S TALK AB...
!!
DO MY BIDDING!
NOW...
THAT TECHNIQUE ...
IS THAT CAMU?
BOOM
BWOOM!
WAAA!
AAA!
WAUGH!

HM?
I'LL GO STOP HER... HEY.
POINT
SHE LEFT.
WHERE'S LUSIA?
THAT IDIOT'S AT IT AGAIN!
.....
HOW COULD I "STOP" HER? SHE'S MY BOSS.
HEY!
THP THP THP
WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP HER, EPSILON? THINGS ONLY GET WORSE WHEN SHE AND CAMU GET TOGETHER!

I DON'T REALLY CARE WHAT HAPPENS, SO LONG AS IT'S FUN.
KA-BOOM
ALSO,

THAT'S WHAT LUSIA SAYS.
AT LEAST...

WHAT ?!
JUST A-

That's right. So long as it's FUN, no one really cares what happens.
That is...
BONG BONG BON

DING DONG
HELLOOOO?!
NAOTO... NAOTO!
HM?
ZZZ
So long as they're just OBSERVING.
CLASS HAS BEEN OVER FOR A WHILE.
LOOKS LIKE IT...
DID YOU HAVE THAT DREAM AGAIN?
STRETCH
HMMWAAA. THAT WAS A GREAT NAP.

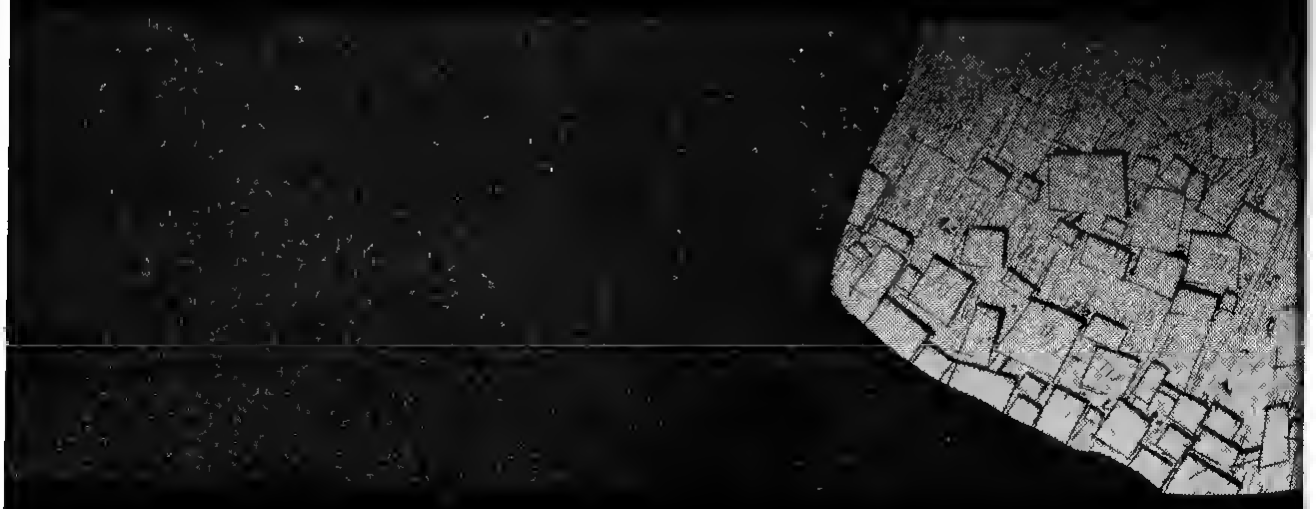
it's like nobody can see me, or hear my voice.

In my dream,

THE SAME ONE.

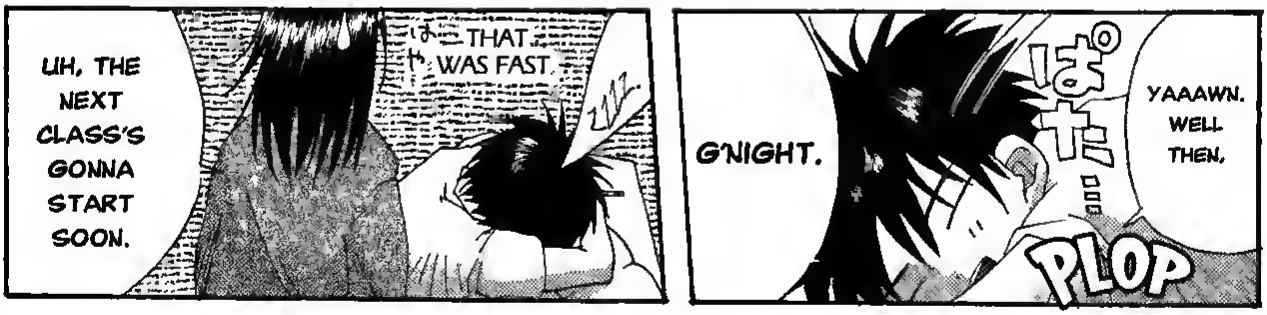
YEAH.

I can't remember when it started, but now every time I sleep, I end up back in THAT PLACE...



in a world that's far too REAL to be just a dream.

This is my OTHER world.



Orgos—the kingdom of the ELPHIS, the desert people.

And this is the lowermost region on all of Orgos.
People usually call this place the Abyss.

All tribes who AREN'T Elphis are called Sand Dusts
—and to them, this place is home.

WAUGH!
YAAUGH!
BA-KOOM!
EVEN PEOPLE WHO'RE JUST PASSING BY CAN GET HURT.
A FIGHT BETWEEN MAGICIANS ALWAYS GETS NASTY.
AIII!
BOOM
WOW. THEY'RE REALLY COOKIN'!
WAUGH!
BOOM
YAUGH!
HAHA! NO WAY!
IF SHE WAS FIGHTING LUSIA, IT'D BE EVEN FLASHIER!
THOSE FLASHY TECHNIQUES MEAN ONE OF THEM HAS GOT TO BE CAMU.
I BET SHE'S FIGHTING LUSIA AGAIN. THOSE TWO NEVER GET ALONG.
WELL-KNOWN
Two of the people here are always getting attention: Camu, who's completely out-of-control...
THEY'VE BEEN COMING AROUND HERE LATELY AND TAKING YOUNG GIRLS!
IT'S UNFORGIVABLE!
TUP TUP TUP
PATTER PATTER
YAY!
HEY, YOU! IF YOU'VE GOT NOTHING ELSE TO DO, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE CARE OF THESE KIDS?
BLEGH.
GO AND PLAY.
IF THEY'RE KIDNAPPED BY THE ELPHIS, I'M BLAMING IT ON YOU!
YEAH, YEAH.

THERE YOU GO.
WAIT!
TUP TUP
PATTER
PATTER
!
OH!
THP
...and this girl, Lusia.
FLAP
BE CAREFUL NOW, OK?
OK, THANKS.
GRIN
LUSIA! YAY!

TUP TUP TUP
GAZE
What is she looking at...?
THUMP!!
.....?!

NAOTO...
What.....
DING DONG
DING DONG
BWISH
CLATTER!

DONG
AHEM.
YOU'VE BEEN SLEEPING THIS WHOLE TIME, HAVEN'T YOU?
TEACHER
.....
.....
JUST NOW...
I'M SURE OF IT.
SHE LOOKED RIGHT AT ME...
AND SHE KNEW MY NAME! HOW COULD SHE KNOW MY NAME?!
GASP
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME, MR. SAKI?!
NAG-NAG
THAT'S NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE.
.....
GIGGLE
I'M GIVING YOU YOUR OWN SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT! DUE TOMORROW!
AT FOUR O'CLOCK.
HE SHOULD KNOW BETTER.
FOR REAL?!
WELL, I GUESS IT WAS JUST A DREAM...
AND ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN, RIGHT?

IT'S YOUR FAULT I LOST THEM!
OH, BE QUIET.
FWOOo
NO IT ISN'T! WITH ALL THAT DUST YOU KICK UP, OF COURSE YOU'RE GONNA LOSE THEM!
SKSH
FLOP FLOP
WAAUGH!
HELP ME!
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I ASKED YOU TO KEEP ME OUT OF THIS?!
RRRMBLE
CAMU! HEY, CAMU!
AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'M THE ONE WHO CAME UP WITH THIS "LET'S CATCH THAT ELPHIS FREAK BEFORE LUSIA" IDEA!
HERE, TAKE MY HAND.
HEY! I THINK!
YOU JUST DON'T THINK, DO YOU?!
LIAR.
YELL-YELL
ANYBODY COULD TELL!
I DION'T REALIZE THAT!
WHO WOULD ATTACK THEM?
AND! AND! THOSE TWO WERE JUST MINIONS!
COME ON! WE HAVE TO FIND THOSE TWO.
"THOSE TWO?" YOU MEAN...
ANYWAY! I DON'T WANNA SEE LUSIA WITH SOME SMUG LOOK ON HER FACE. WE HAVE TO CATCH THAT ELPHIS BEFORE SHE DOES.
ONLY GIRLS ARE BEING KIDNAPPED, AND I'M A BOY!!
THAT PLAN WENT WRONG THE MINUTE YOU USED ME AS A DECOY!
IT DOESN'T MATTER, EURO. YOU'RE CUTE.
DID THEY EVEN FALL FOR IT?

THEY WERE OVER THERE, OUT COLD.
THWUMP
YAUGH!

LUSIA!!
AH!

I COULD TELL IT WAS YOU FROM MILES AWAY.
EVERYTHING YOU DO IS SO SHOWY, CAMU.

THESE GUYS?
SO HEAVY...
DRAG
SSH

I'M NOT GOING TO GET IN YOUR WAY.
I'M JUST HERE BECAUSE IT LOOKED LIKE FUN.

ARE YOU GONNA TRY TO GET IN MY WAY AGAIN, LUSIA?
BEFORE I CATCH ME AN ELPHIS, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOU.

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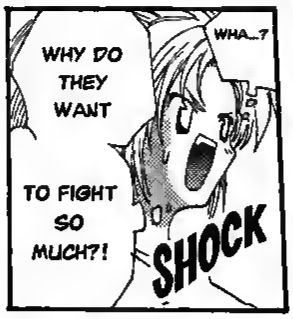


MONSTER!
SUMMON
BWOOOSH
NOW! OBEY THE WORD OF YOUR MASTER, AND ATTACK!
YAUSH
RRRUMBLE
O, SPIRITS WHO LURK IN THE DRY EARTH...
OH! WHAT?!
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
.....
CRACK
CRACK
BY MY POWER, MAY YOU TAKE SHAPE!

HMM, A SUMMONING...
RRRUMBLE
CHOMP!
INTERESTING. ♪
WOOOM
PSSHH
A TRAIN IS NOW DEPARTING FROM PLATFORM TWO.
SLEEPING AGAIN?
SNORE
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
SHAKE
SNOOORE

ZZZZZZ.
Today's dream is wilder than ever!
RRRUMBLE
WOOO

Oh no! Lusia's in trouble!

WELL.
No way...
WHAT!
YOU WANT ME TO SHOW YOU MY SUMMON MONSTER?
UH-OH.
I KNOW THAT LOOK. SHE'S UP TO SOMETHING!
FLAP

What does she think she's doing?!

FWWOO
HEY, DID YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID?!
YOU'RE NOT REALLY DOING IT, ARE YOU?
FWSH
O, YOU WHO RESIDE IN THE UNSEEN WORLD...
BY MY POWER,
GLARE
?!!
WAIT...

WAIT JUST A MINUTE.
DOES THAT "YOU WHO RESIDE IN THE UNSEEN WORLD" MEAN...
THUMP

FWOOOOOOO
FWOOO
...?!
IT CAN'T BE!
NO!

MAY YOU
TAKE SHAPE!

?!
NAOTO?!

SHINJUKU
STATION.
SLUMP
THUD

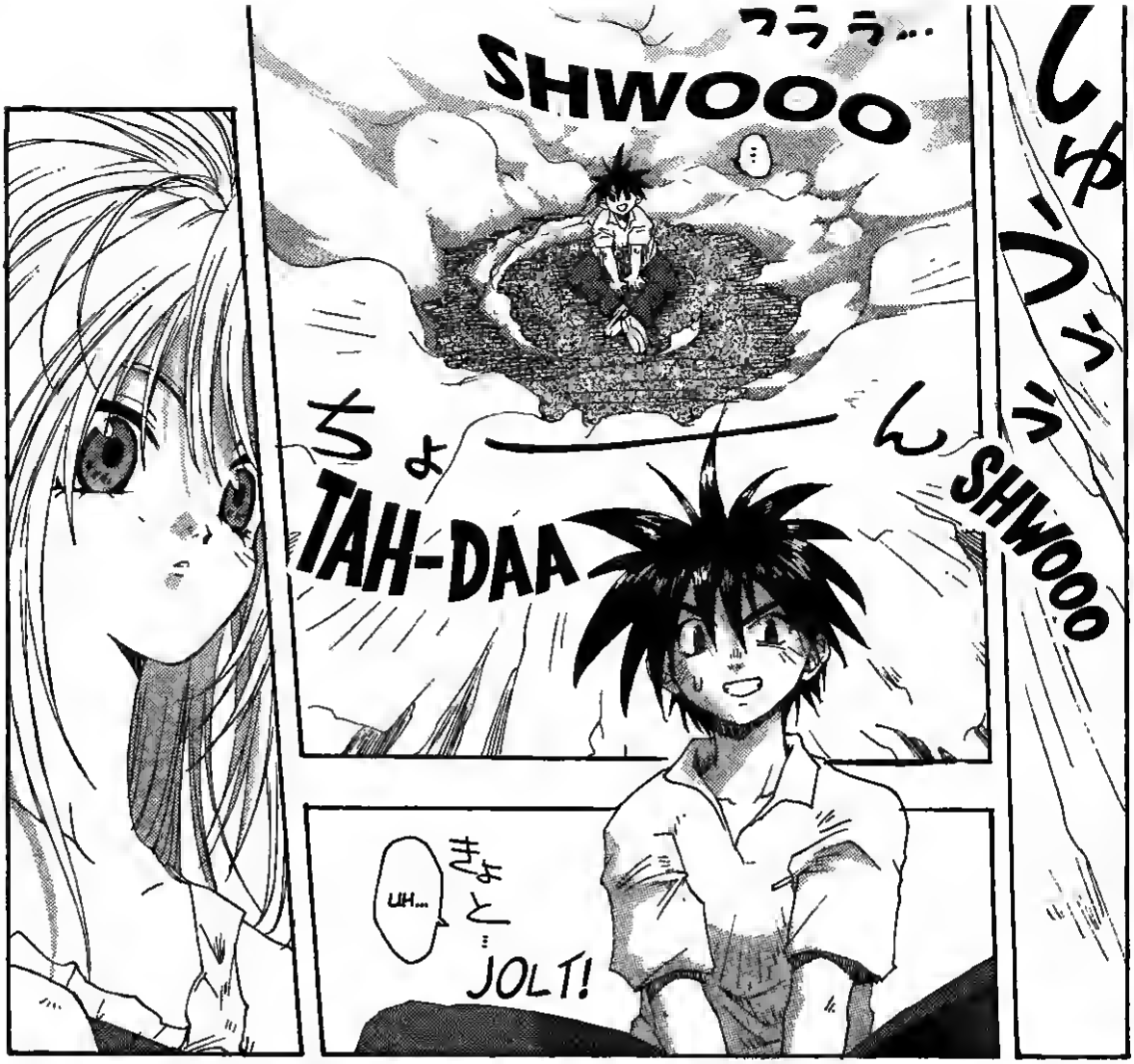
ANSWER
ME!

WHAT'S
WRONG,
NAOTO?!
WHAT.
NO...
LIMP

FLASH!
I'M LEAVING MY OWN BODY!

WHOOOOA?!!

BOOM
HA!
THIS IS GETTING INTERES-TING.
BWWOOO
HERE IT COMES!
WOOOO
I'VE NEVER FELT SUCH A STRONG SHOCK WAVE FROM A SUMMONING!
CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT KIND OF MONSTER IT'LL BE!
A FIGHT BETWEEN SUMMONED MONSTERS!!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SHWOOO
…
しゃっ
ちょ
TAH-DAA
ん
SHWOOO
UH...
きょと…
JOLT!

HE LOOKS...
…
HUH?
WEAK!

HMPF!

HEY!
NOW, FIGHT!
AHAHAHA! THIS FIGHT IS MINE!
HE MAY LOOK WEAK, BUT HE'S VERY STRONG (I THINK)!
GROWRR
POINT
WHAAAT?!
は——!?
ENOUGH WAITING! KILL HIM, MY SLAVE!

ZIKSH
WELL, GO ON!
WAIT JUST A MINUTE!
HMM.
MY...
!
GULP.
RRUMBLE
SHIVER
これって…
IS THIS...
THIS FEELING...
HUFF
MY THROAT'S SO DRY... IT'S LIKE I'M BREATHING THE AIR FROM THE DESERT AND IT'S MAKING ME ALL HOT INSIDE.
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

AHAHAHA!
I CAN'T STOP LAUGHING!
THIS TIME I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S REALLY THE BEST! PREPARE YOURSELF!
COME ON, THEN!
REAL?!
ALL THIS TIME...
GRARR
IT WASN'T A DREAM?!
CRASH
WHA?!
HEY!
DASH

THWUMP
NAOTO!
BA-KOOM
WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED TO ME?!
LI RRRUMBLE
I'M BLEEDING
HRN...
SKSH
I EVEN FEEL PAIN!
HMPH. WHAT DO I FIND MAKING ALL THIS RACKET?
SKSH
A BUNCH OF FILTHY INSECTS.

RAARRR
BOOM
RRRUMBLE
?!!
REE
TO THINK, THERE'S SOMEONE IN THE ABYSS WHO CAN SUMMON A SAND DRAGON...
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
FWOOOOOO
THAT SUMMONED MONSTER WAS KILLED IN A SECOND!
IT BURNED UP!
WHA ?
IS THAT?
WHAT EVIL CHI!

IMPUDENT SAND DUSTS.
LOOM
YOUR PUNISHMENT IS DEATH.
AAUGH! AAUGH!
THAT'S THE FREAK ELPHIS WE WERE AFTER!
AT LEAST SHE REMEMBERS.
BWOOM

?!!
WHAAA??!
MY BODY!!
SHWOOOO
しゅうううう
IF WE MADE ENOUGH NOISE, I KNEW WE'D ATTRACT THAT ELPHIS!
BWAHAHAHA!
JUST AS I PLANNED!
SHOCK!
IS SHE FOR REAL?!!
がびーん

VWOMM
SHRIIIING
SHRIIIING !!
BWSH
PREPARE YOURSELF!
GLARE
YOU ARE ALL MAGGOTS! AND YOU'LL DIE LIKE MAGGOTS!
FOOLS! THIS BODY IS JUST AN ILLUSION! MY REAL BODY ISN'T DAMAGED AT ALL!!
YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT US, SAND DUSTS?!
DISAP-PEA...
PSHW
I'M...
NO...

THE ELPHIS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE STRONG MAGICAL POWERS...
AND SHE BEAT HIM, JUST LIKE THAT!
AN ILLUSION.
HAH!
AS USUAL ...
LUSIA TOOK ALL THE CREDIT!!
WE ARE NOT MAGGOTS.

FWUMP
HUH?!
LUSIA!
HUFF
HUFF
I USED TOO MUCH POWER.
DRIP
WHEW
SLUMP
WOOOAH!
TALK ABOUT A GREAT POSITION TO FIND YOURSELF IN!
TOTTE
I COULDN'T HAVE COME UP WITH THIS!
ARE YOU ALRI-GHT ?!
This is Orgos, the world in my dreams...
SHE'S SO WARM... AND SOFT!
THERE'S NO WAY THIS IS A DREAM!
MY DREAMS?!
THUMP THUMP THUMP
HM. LUSIA LOOKS REALLY NICE CLOSE UP LIKE THIS.
NAOTO...

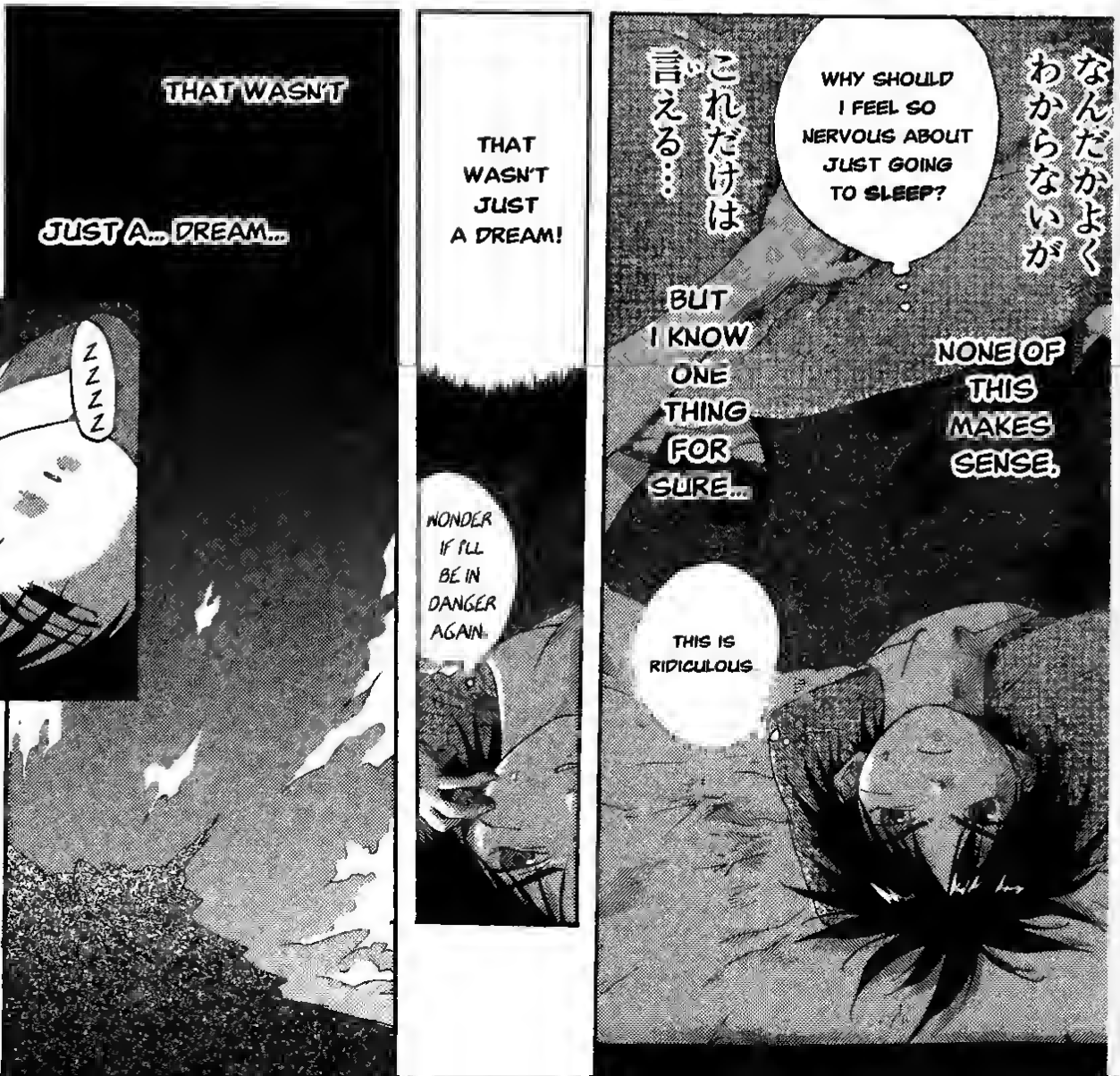
FROM NOW ON,
LET'S ALWAYS BE...
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
HUH?
I'M BLACKING OUT...
WHA, WHAT?
I CAN'T...
HEAR...

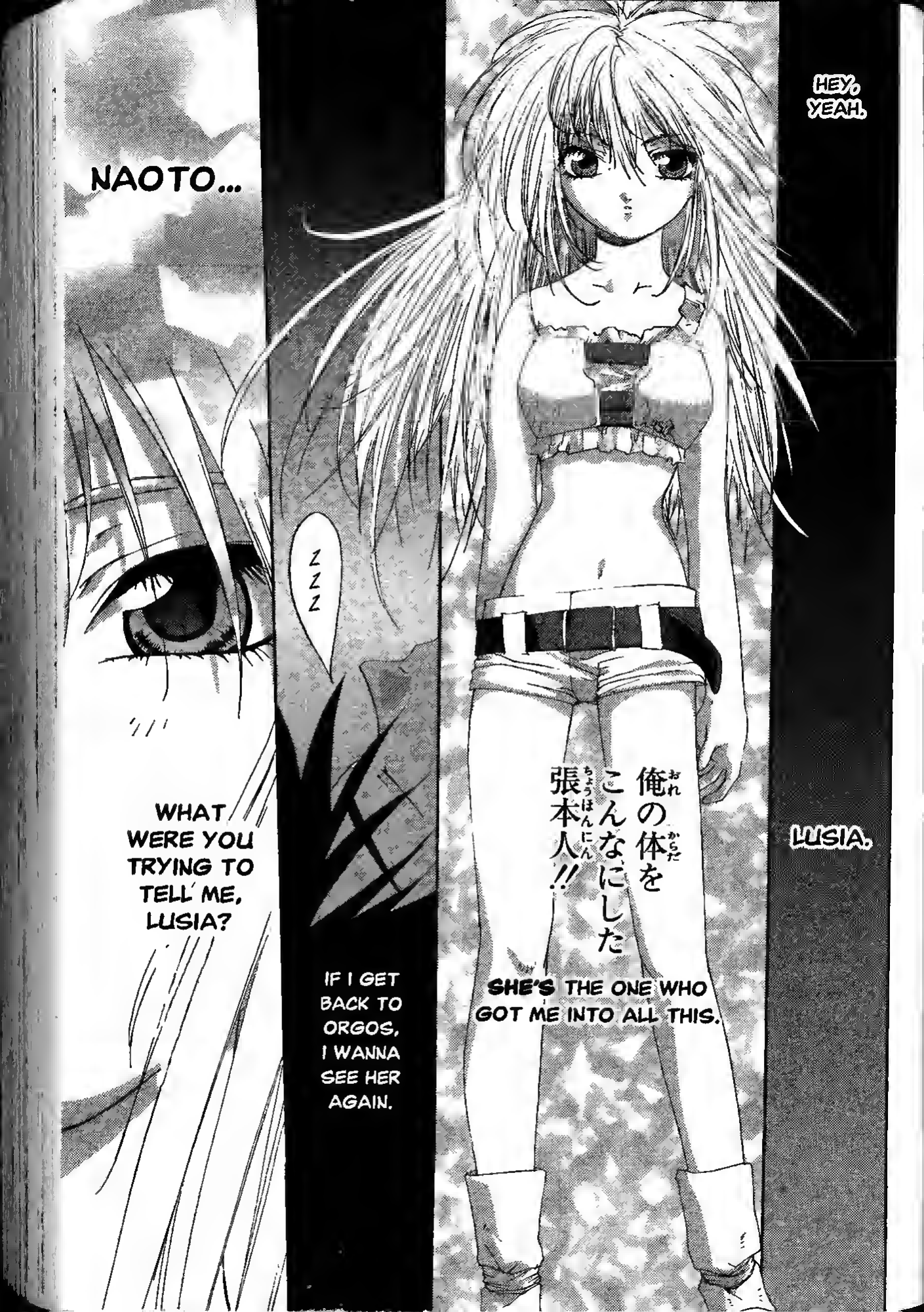
DESERT CORAL 1

MY CHEEK...
WHAT?!
COME ON, LET'S GO.

#2 DESERT CORAL

IF I FALL ASLEEP AGAIN, I KNOW I'LL BE SENT BACK TO THAT WORLD.
UNTIL YESTERDAY, I WAS JUST AN OBSERVER IN MY DREAMS. I WAS NEVER PHYSICALLY IN THEM.
BUT NOW... WHY DO I STILL HAVE THE SAME WOUND FROM MY DREAM? IS THERE SOME LINK BETWEEN MY DREAMS AND THE REAL WORLD? WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?!


なんだかよくわからないが
これだけは言える…
WHY SHOULD I FEEL SO NERVOUS ABOUT JUST GOING TO SLEEP?
BUT I KNOW ONE THING FOR SURE...
NONE OF THIS MAKES SENSE.
THIS IS RIDICULOUS
THAT WASN'T JUST A DREAM!
WONDER IF I'LL BE IN DANGER AGAIN.
THAT WASN'T
JUST A... DREAM...
ZZZZ

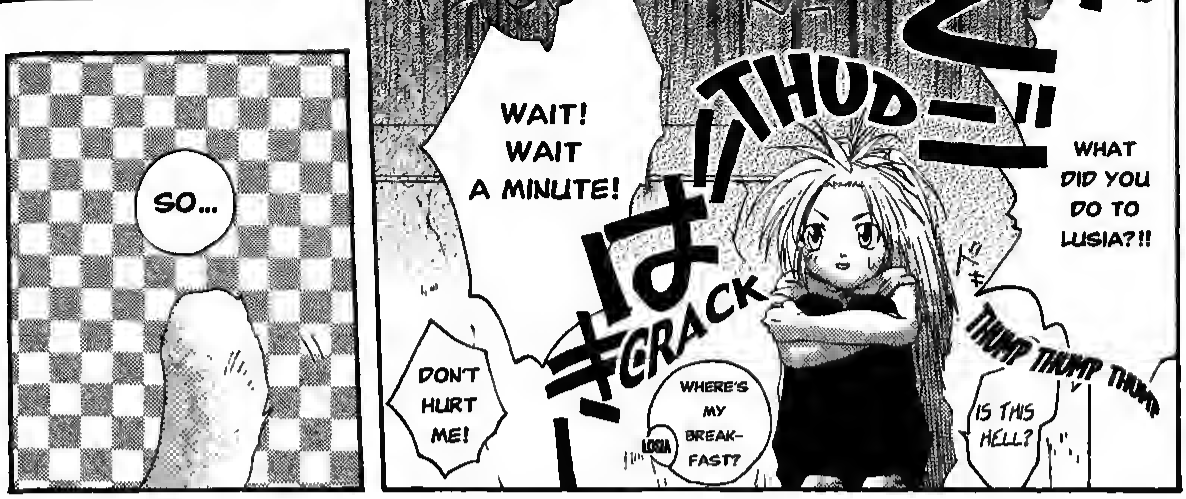

HEY, YEAH.
NAOTO...
ZZZ
俺の体をこんなにした張本人!!
LUSIA.
WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME, LUSIA?
IF I GET BACK TO ORGOS, I WANNA SEE HER AGAIN.
SHE'S THE ONE WHO GOT ME INTO ALL THIS.

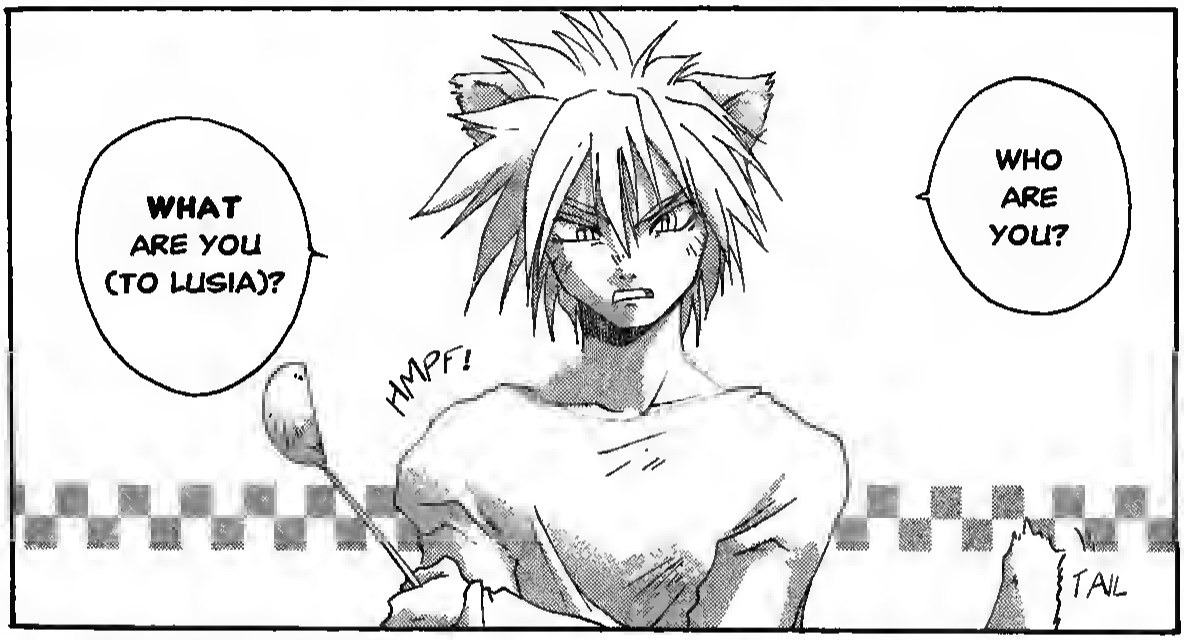
DING DONG DING DONG
HUFF
HUFF
UM, NAOTO...
I...
IN A SCHOOL UNIFORM, FOR SOME REASON
TUP TUP
NAOTO!
OH. LUSIA.
I ALWAYS WANT TO BE WITH YOU, NAOTO.
BECAUSE I...
I LO...
す...!?
LO...?!

すやすや
ZZZZZZ
ZZZ...
??
SNIFF
ZZZZ
.....
.....
.....

SHWP
?
!!!
SLIIIDE
BANG
WHAAAAA?!!
WHA?!
RUB
RUB
OH.
IT'S YOU, NAOTO.
LUSIA, BREAKFAST IS READY. AND WHAT WAS THAT SCREAM JUST NOW?
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
NOOOO!
OHH!
YAAAWN

GWAH!
ば
LADLE
やっぱ痛覚ちゃんとある
OUCH...
THIS REALLY ISN'T A DREAM. I FEEL PAIN!
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?!
OH MY!
カ!!
YOUR ROOM?!
FLAP FLAP
はばさ
はばさ
MY ROOM.


SO...
WAIT! WAIT A MINUTE!
DON'T HURT ME!
THUD
CRACK
WHERE'S MY BREAK-FAST?
LOOIA
WHAT DID YOU DO TO LUSIA?!!
THUMP THUMP THUMP
IS THIS HELL?


WHAT ARE YOU (TO LUSIA)?
WHO ARE YOU?
HMPF!
TAIL

BREAKFAST TIME
EHEH.
MUNCH MUNCH
HUFF
CLINK CLINK
HUFF
WHAT... AM I?
MUNCH MUNCH

RMPH
はむっ
DAZED
MUNCH MUNCH
SHE'S IGNORING ME?!
LOOK AWAY
HELP ME OUT HERE, LUSIA!
GLIMPSE
HOW CAN I EXPLAIN WHEN I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?
IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD HELP ME?
?
FWIP
FWIP
UMM...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
EHEH.
YUP! IT'S TOTALLY HOPELESS!
SHE'S MEAN BY NATURE, AND EVEN MEANER IN THE MORNING.
なによ?
WHAT?
キロ
GLOWER
なんだよ?
キロ
GLOWER
THE HELL YOU WANT?
THAT'S JUST HIS REGULAR FACE
THERE! SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'D HELP!
?
AH HA!
MUNCH MUNCH
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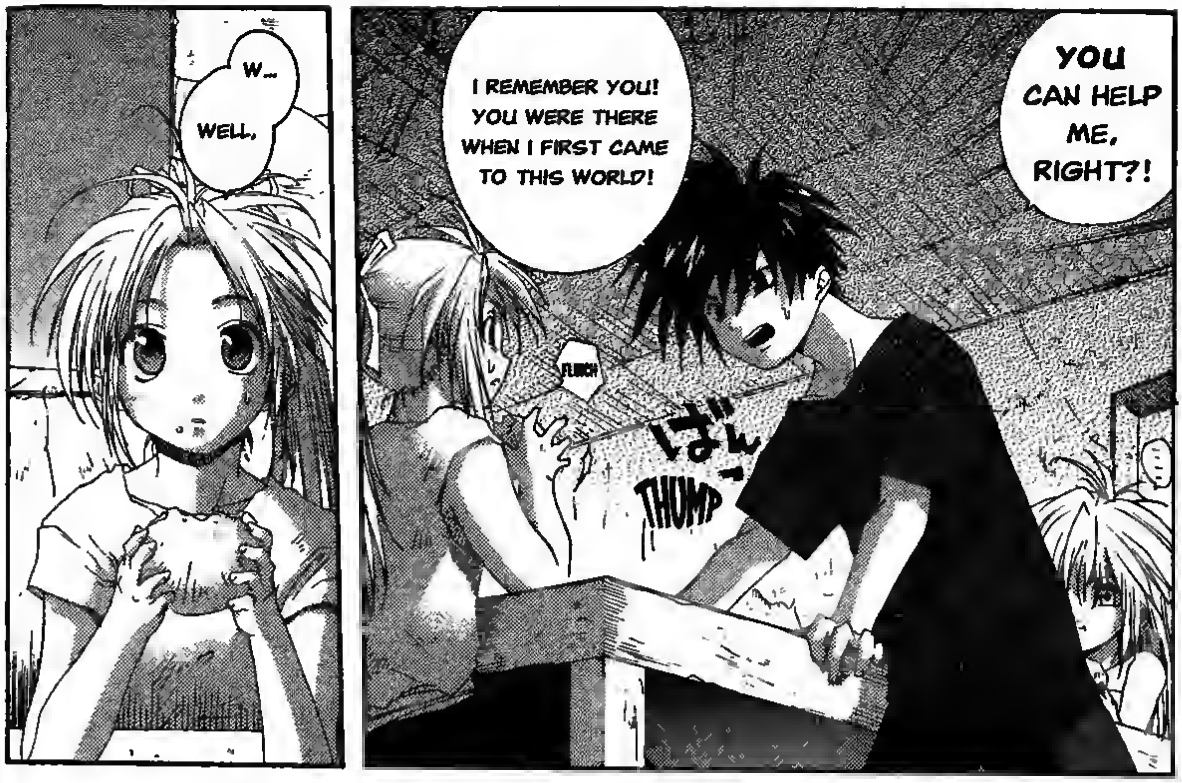
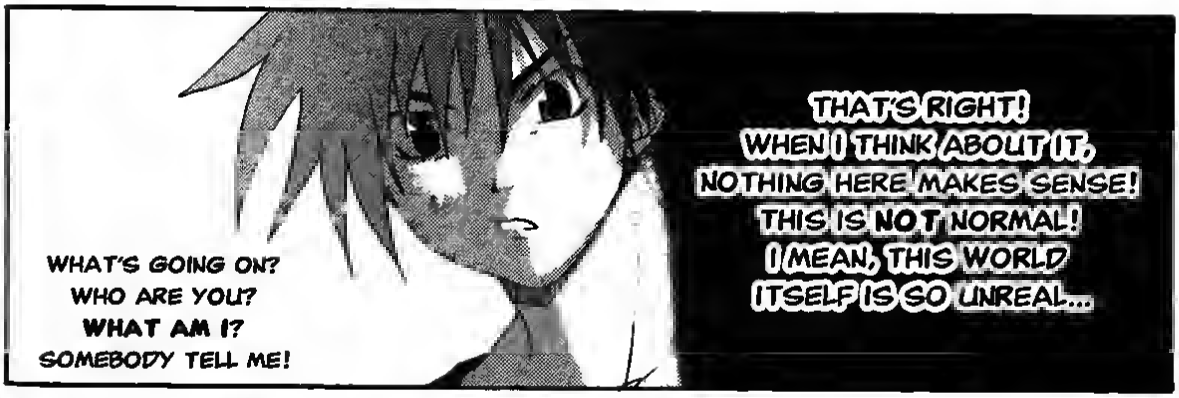
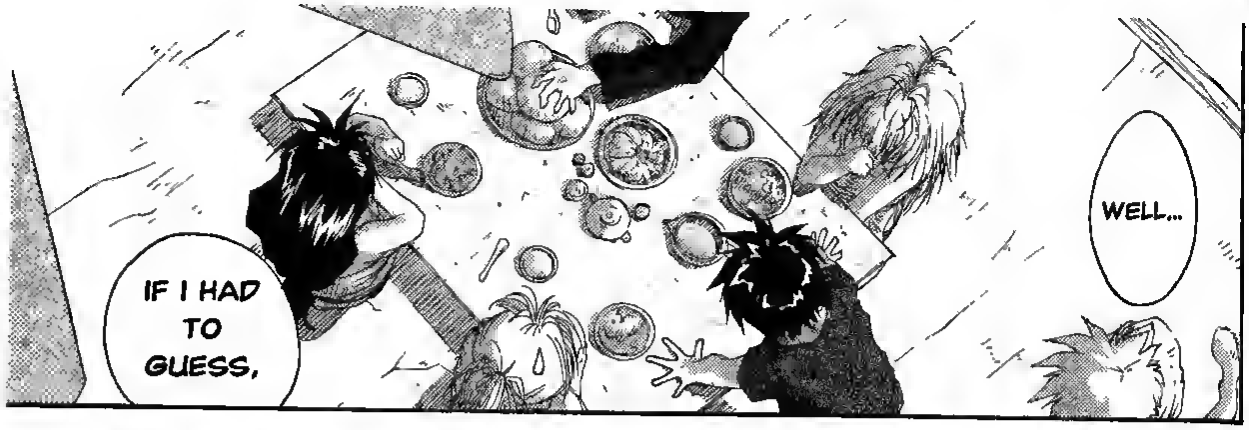
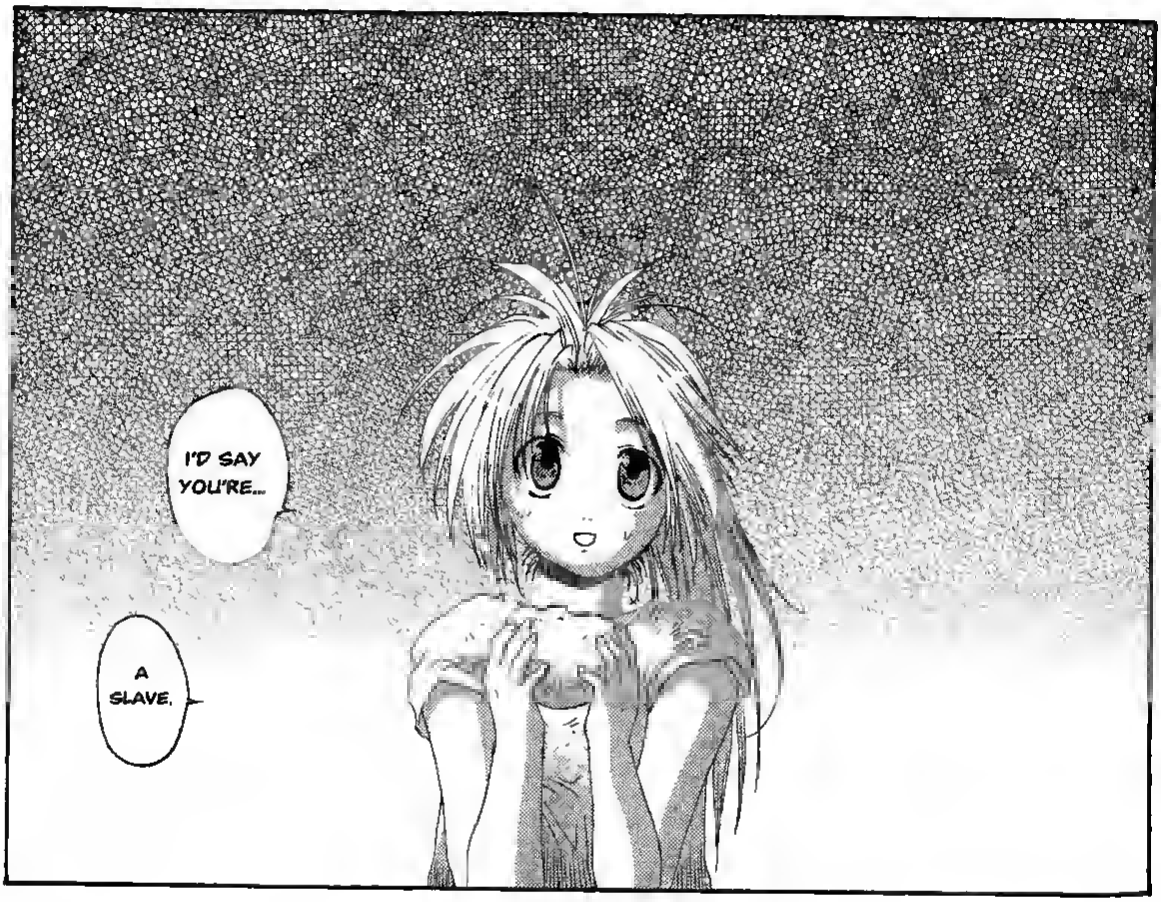

W...
WELL,
I REMEMBER YOU! YOU WERE THERE WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THIS WORLD!
YOU CAN HELP ME, RIGHT?!
FLINCH
THUMP


WHAT'S GOING ON? WHO ARE YOU? WHAT AM I? SOMEBODY TELL ME!
THAT'S RIGHT! WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, NOTHING HERE MAKES SENSE! THIS IS NOT NORMAL! I MEAN, THIS WORLD ITSELF IS SO UNREAL...

SOMEONE REALLY IMPORTANT?!
IF I'M GOING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THIS WORLD AND MINE, THEN MAYBE I'M...
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP


IF I HAD TO GUESS,
WELL...


I'D SAY YOU'RE...
A SLAVE.

?
A SLAVE?

.....
MUNCH MUNCH

キーンコーン
DING DONG
I...
UM, NAOTO...?
TUP TUP TUP
NAOTO.
HEY, LUSIA
FWOOO
YES, MASTER!
GOOD
SHOVE
I WANT YOU TO GO BUY ME SOME SUSHI! THE USUAL.
?!!
WHY SUSHI??
FWOOOM

CLINK
I FEEL ALL RECHARGED!
WHAT...
GOOD BREAK-FAST!!
STRETCH
GRARR!
SHUT UP!
GASP
WHAT IS THAT ALL ABOUT?!

……
BOOM!
CRUMBLE
SHP
NAOTO IS MY SUMMONED MONSTER!
HE'S NOT A SLAVE.
MUNCH
STILL EATING
CHOMP CHOMP
MUNCH MUNCH
HEY, THE HOUSE!
EVACUATION: SUCCESSFUL

WHAT?
MHWA MHWA
DESER COORRR-WWAW.
AN...
WARHING HODAY, HY ARH WOOING FO ARK WIF US...
.....
HUH?!!
STARTING TODAY, YOU ARE GOING TO WORK WITH US, DESERT CORAL.
SWALLOW
STARTING TODAY! YOU ARE GOING TO WORK! WITH US!

NOD NOD
GOT IT?
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SAY IT SO LOUD.
SCREECH
DESERT CORAL!
!!
THEY'LL BE MY FRIENDS?
DESERT CORAL.
THAT'S THE NAME OF THIS GROUP THAT LUSIA LEADS.
SO, "WORKING WITH" THEM MEANS THAT...
UP TO NOW, I'D JUST BEEN AN OBSERVER IN THIS WORLD...
BUT NOW, I GET TO MAKE FRIENDS?

HMMMM.
GRIN
WELL, IF THAT'S WHAT LUSIA WANTS.
MY NAME IS LEVINAS. NICE TO MEET YOU.
OH, I'M NAOTO.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
もしかしたら、ちょっと…
楽しいかも…？
THIS IS KIND OF...
FUN...?
HE'S EPSILON.
THAT'S CAMU.
HEH
HE LOOKS LIKE A PUSHOVER.
HMPH
AND THAT ONE IS EURO.
HI!
HA HA!

この世界を……
I'M GOING TO BE TRAVELING ALL OVER THIS WORLD...
こいつらと駆ける……！
WITH THESE GUYS?
HEY NAOTO!
LET'S GO!
SHE'LL USE HER GREAT MAGIC
YOU AIN'T SO BAD.
GOOD JOB.
AND I COULD EVEN LEARN SOME, TOO!
WOOOOW.
WE'LL ENCOUNTER ALL KINDS OF MONSTERS...
NAOTO, YOU'RE SO STRONG
I ADMIRE YOU.
KINDA SEXY
BONUS
HEY!
AND IT'LL TURN INTO ONE BIG LOVE COMEDY!
BONUS 82
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
NAOTO.
この世界を…
ルシアと——…
ALL OVER THIS WORLD...
WITH LUSIA...
なんか…
すっごい事が
起こりそうな…
SAME HERE.
RUSTLE
I HAVE A FEELING THAT SOMETHING GREAT IS GONNA HAPPEN.
そんな
予感……
YEAH.
I HAVE A FEELING...
THUMP THUMP THUMP
NICE TO SEE YOU

UM,
OUR JOB IS TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE OF ABYSS.
AS DESERT CORAL, OUR JOB IS...
LET ME! LET ME!
POINK!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
DAZED
IT'S LIKE THIS...
TO EXPLAIN IT IN MORE DETAIL...
PEACE?
HUM? DO WE REALLY?
SURE, WE DO THAT, BUT...
SHWP
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
HUM? FIGHT?
IS THAT WHAT WE DO?
WE FIGHT. AND FIGHT AND FIGHT AND FIGHT!

I GUESS.
YEAH...
SO THAT'S WHAT WE DO, ROOKIE.
END OF EXPLANATION!
MY CHAIR...
?
OF COURSE.
MUNCH MUNCH
I'M STILL HUNGRY
AM I GONNA FIGHT, TOO?
EVEN ME?

STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP
YAAAAUGH!
LOOOM
I'M READY!
COME ON!
GRIN!
YOU'RE MY SUMMONED MONSTER, SO...
YOU'LL BE FIGHTING TO THE DEATH!
TO THE DEATH?
I DID MY BEST IN THIS OTHER WORLD. AND NOW, I CAN FINALLY...
MOM, DAD. THANKS FOR EVERYTHING...

NO! I DON'T WANNA DIE YET!!
…ああ…やっと楽になれる…
SLUMA
YES, I CAN FINALLY BE AT PEACE...
I SAW IT!
GLARE
I'M CRYING...
MY FUTURE!
うお
VWOORRR
I JUST SAW MY OWN FUTURE!
おおお
THERE'S NO WAY...
……
I'LL MAKE IT HERE! I'LL DIE!! I'LL...
SHUT UP!
トコ!
BA-BOOM
WOAH!

AWOOOO ヒョオオ…
EHEHE. THIS TIME, IT WAS CAMU
……
YOU'RE JUST A SUMMONED MONSTER.
THIS HOUSE IS GETTING DESTROYED
しゃっ
WHATEVER. I'M STILL EATIN'.
PSSSHHH
ARE... ARE YOU THE DEVIL? I THINK YOU ARE.
REALLY?
IF YOU GET HURT, YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT, SO LONG AS WE CAN REPAIR THE DAMAGE. IF NOT... OH, WELL.
じゃ 何に さっきのあれは……
THEN, EVERYTHING I SAW BEFORE WAS...
A THROWAWAY SUMMONED MONSTER?
THAT SOUNDS WORSE THAN A SLAVE!
"OH WELL?" WHAT AM I, DISPOSABLE?

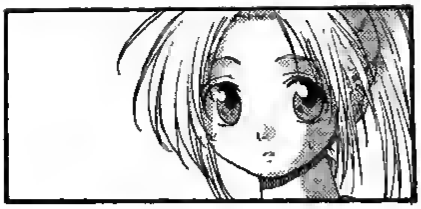
ギャグ
SLUMP

LUSIA,
PLE-
ASE.

HAHAHA
I LOVE YOU, NAOTO
JUST A...
ただの
LET'S BE FRIENDS!
SHOCK
WHAT THE—?
HEY!!
BONUS
BONUS
YOU'RE TRIPPING.
FANTASY?!
幻想(げんそう)!?

IF I'M EVER GONNA GO BACK, I HAVE TO DO IT NOW!
PUT ME BACK!
PUT ME BACK IN MY OWN BODY!

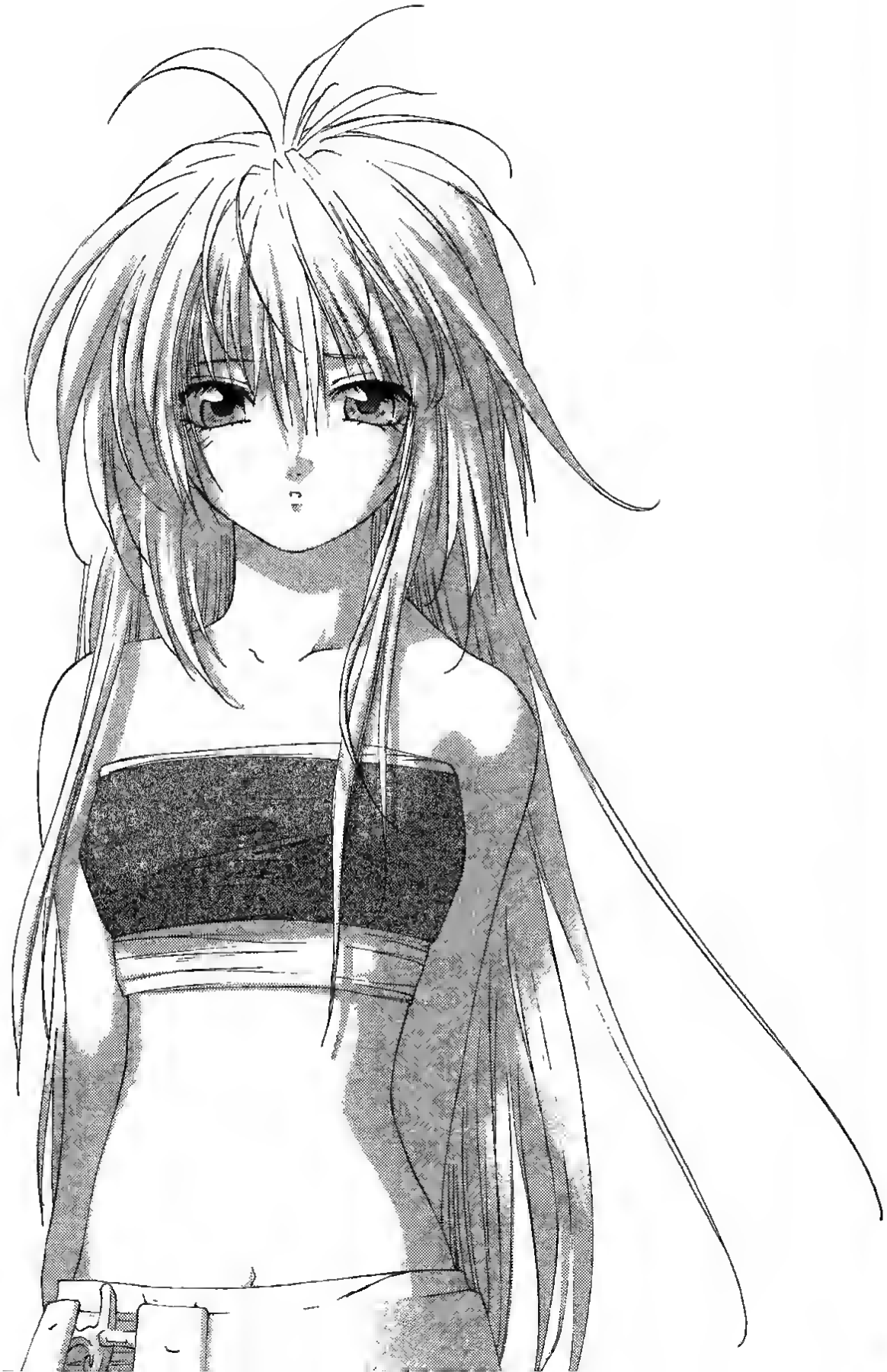
BORING IS FINE WITH ME! IT'S BETTER THAN BEING AFRAID FOR MY LIFE!
SHARK SHARK
ただ見ているだけの平和で退屈な…
I WANNA GO BACK TO WHEN MY LIFE WAS PEACEFUL!
あの平和な頃に戻りたい!!
BACK TO WHEN I WAS JUST AN OBSERVER, AND LIFE WAS PEACEFUL AND BORING.
FIGHT TO THE DEATH!
RRRUUMBL
IF I STAY...
GO, NAOTO!
WITH SUCH EVIL PEOPLE, I COULD GET...
IF YOU GET HURT, YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT SO LONG AS WE CAN REPAIR THE DAMAGE. IF NOT... OH, WELL.
ほーほっほほほほほ
HAHAHAHA
AND THIS ONE'S JUST CAMU'S UNDERLING!
A SLAVE!
YAY, A NEW MEMBER!
SLOWLY
THIS GUY ALONE IS SCARY...
THEY'RE NOT HUMAN, ANYWAY.
IF YOU EVEN TOUCH LUSIA, I'LL KILL YOU!
EAR
TAIL
NMPF!
CRACK
CRACK



SHUDDER
THEY WANT TO KILL ME?
殺気…
WHOA

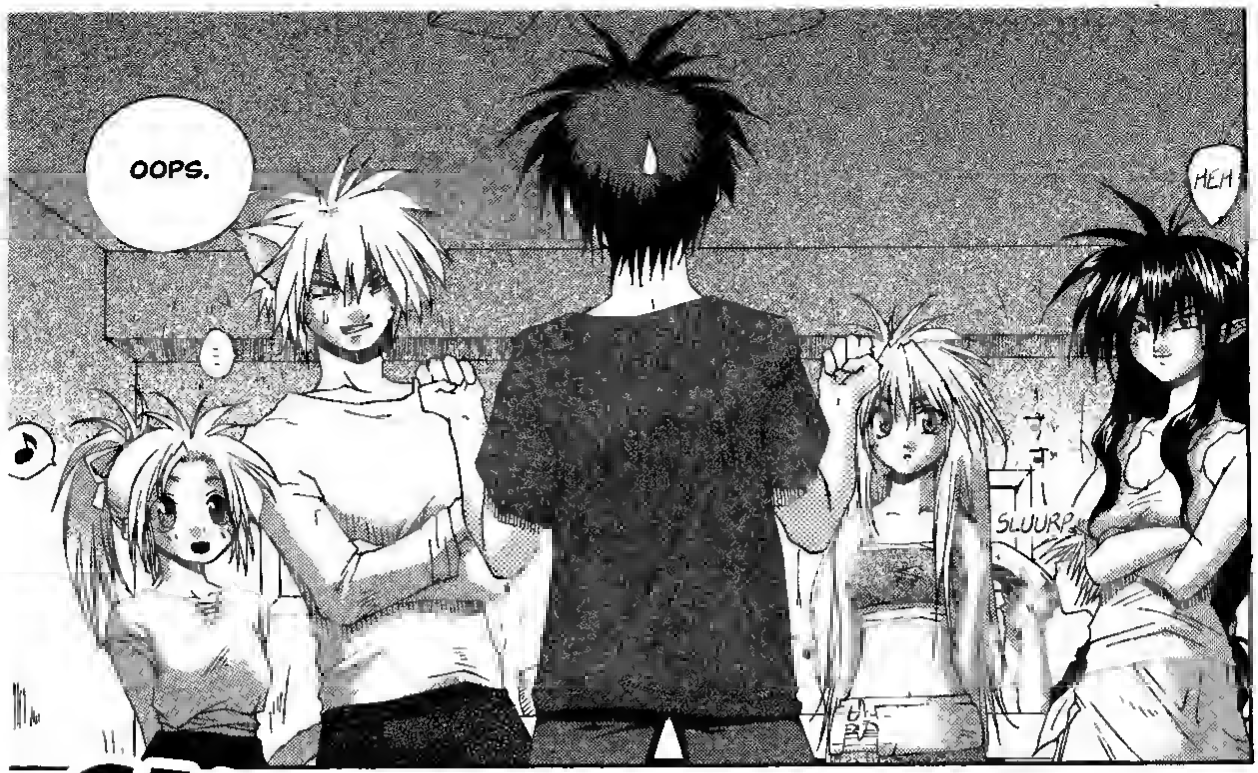
NAOTO...
.....

I'M GOING TO DIE FOR SURE!
PLEASE, LUSIA! SEND ME BACK TO MY WORLD!

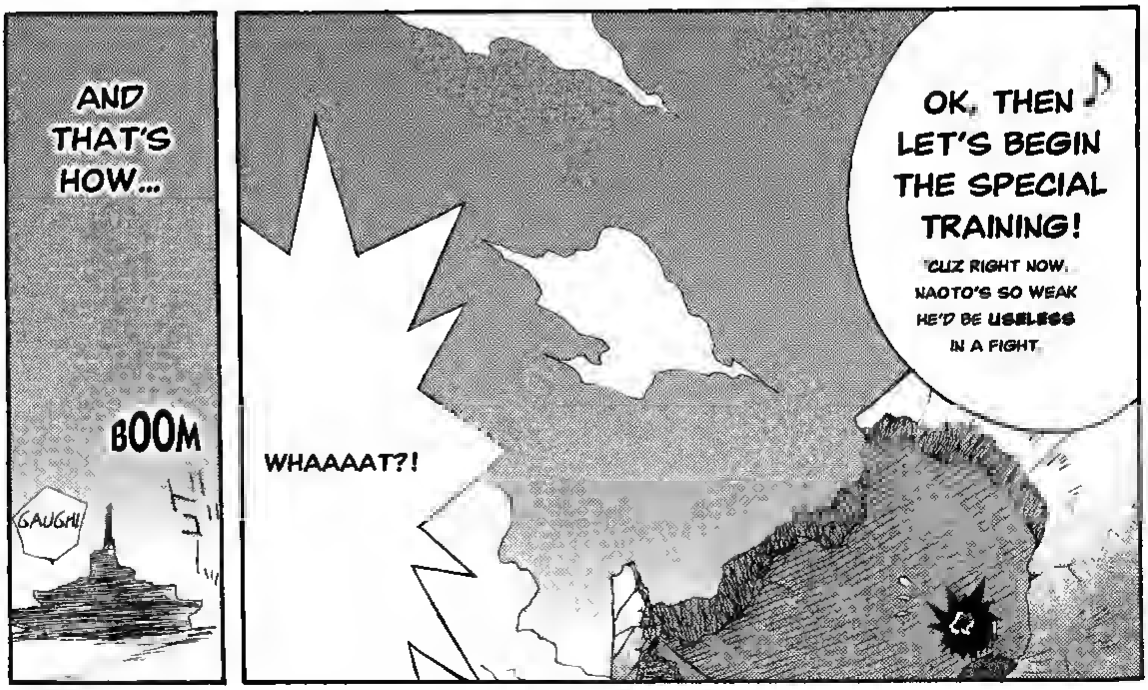


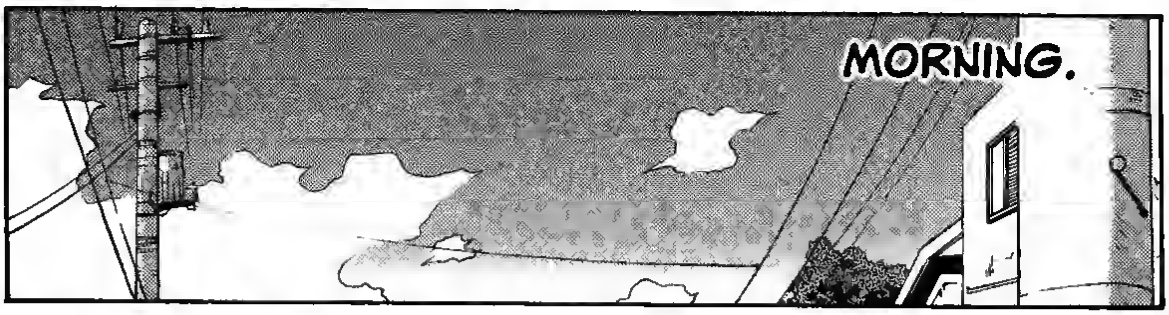
IS BEING WITH ME
REALLY
THAT AWFUL?

OF COURSE NOT! I SO WANNA BE WITH YOU!
カ!!は!!
RARA?


OOPS.
HEH
SLUURP

SMILE


AND THAT'S HOW...
BOOM
GAUGH!
WHAAAAT?!
OK, THEN LET'S BEGIN THE SPECIAL TRAINING!
'CUZ RIGHT NOW, NAOTO'S SO WEAK HE'D BE USELESS IN A FIGHT.



I BECAME A MEMBER (?) OF DESERT CORAL.

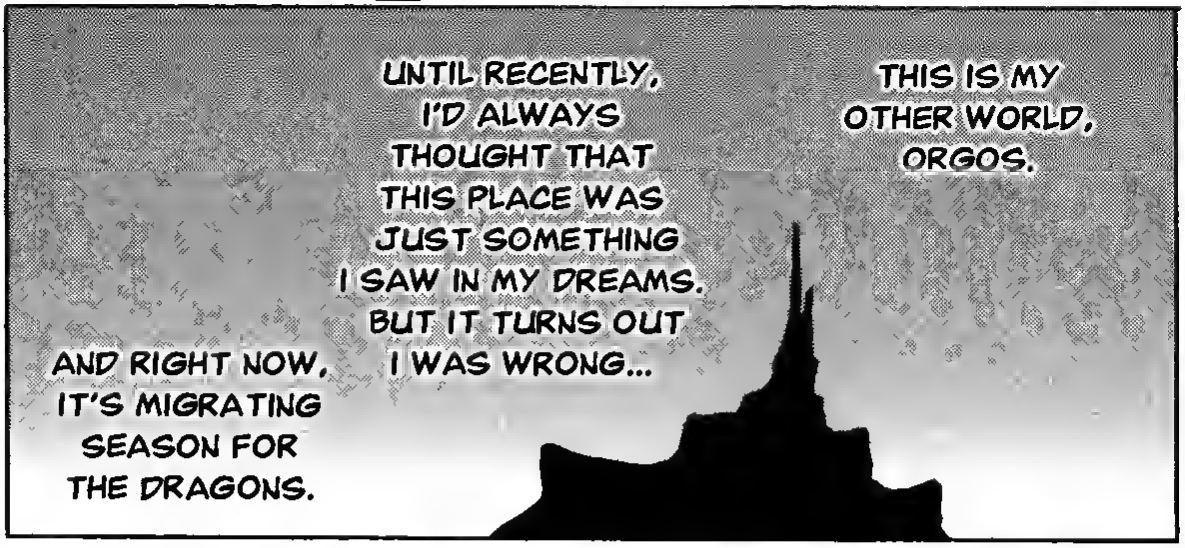
FLAP
FWOOOOOO
WOOOOOSH
ゴオオ

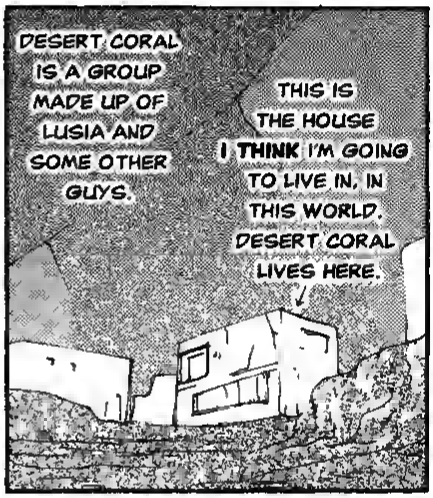
TUP
FWOOOO
OOOOOO!
#3 LOST DRAGON
under the red sky

BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS IN A DESERT.
気づいたら砂漠にいた俺↓
DRAGONS
DAZED
THEY'RE HUGE.
GLARE

?!!
FOOD!
GRAA!
BWOF
NAOTO!
CHOMP
AUGH!
BWOOM

DESERT CORAL 1


THIS IS MY OTHER WORLD, ORGOS.
UNTIL RECENTLY, I'D ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT THIS PLACE WAS JUST SOMETHING I SAW IN MY DREAMS. BUT IT TURNS OUT I WAS WRONG...
AND RIGHT NOW, IT'S MIGRATING SEASON FOR THE DRAGONS.


DESERT CORAL IS A GROUP MADE UP OF LUSIA AND SOME OTHER GUYS.
THIS IS THE HOUSE I **THINK** I'M GOING TO LIVE IN, IN THIS WORLD. DESERT CORAL LIVES HERE.

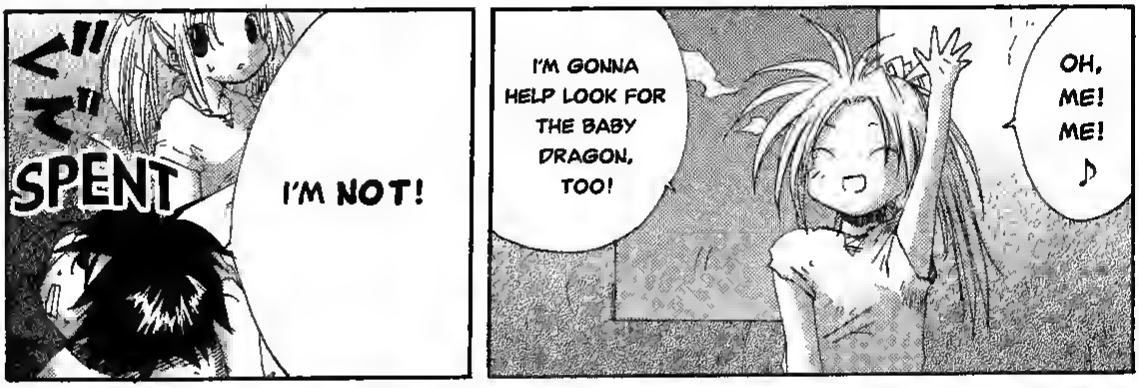
IF I HAD TO PUT A LABEL ON WHAT THEY DO, I'D SAY THEY DO... **EVERYTHING**.
AND WHAT KIND OF WORK **DOES** DESERT CORAL DO? IT'S A MYSTERY.
JUST SHUT UP AND FIGHT!

LUSIA, HURRY UP AND FINISH YOUR DINNER.
YOU CALL THAT HELPING? THAT ATTACK OF YOURS NEARLY TOOK MY HEAD OFF!
YOU'RE THE LAST ONE.
WHAT KIND OF PERSON BLASTS THEIR TEAMMATE INTO THE AIR?!
KITCHEN
OK. MUNCH MUNCH
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
I HELPED YOU, NAOTO.
GRR
MUNCH MUNCH
BY THE WAY,
YOU ALMOST KILLED ME, TOO!
BANG!
OH MY GOD!
I TOLD YOU TO COME HOME BEFORE DINNERTIME.
AND YOU BROUGHT THAT THING AGAIN.
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, LUSIA?
LEVI! I WANNA EAT. TOO!
THAT THING
NO.
YOU WANT ME TO CRY?!!
WISH THEY'D SHUT UP.
NAPPING
DID WE?
WHY NOT?! YOU SAID BEFORE, I'M A PART OF YOUR GROUP!
READING
WISH THEY'D SHUT UP.

BA-KOOM
WAUGH!
CTNK
FWOOOOO
しゃラーー
SHE WANTED TO KILL ME FOR SURE THIS TIME!
ENOUGH!
THIS IS OUR JOB! WE'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR THAT DRAGON. YOU TOO, NAOTO!

MEE SEEMS TO BE THE NAME OF THE BABY DRAGON
THIS IS THE STORY:
WILL YOU HELP ME LOOK FOR HER, LUSIA?
MY FRIEND MEE DISAPPEARED WHILE WE WERE PLAYING.
AND THE CLIENT IS JUST A KID. WE CAN'T MAKE ANY MONEY OFF OF THIS.
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I DON'T WANNA GO LOOKIN' FOR A LOST DRAGON, EITHER.
SEE? HE AGREES!
I ALMOST GOT EATEN BY ONE OF THOSE THINGS.
BUT I ALREADY PROMISED I'D HELP.
WHAT KIND OF NAME IS "MEE"?! IT SOUNDS CUTE, BUT YOU KNOW IT'S NOT!
KCHK
LET'S GO, LEVINAS.
WHERE TO?
RUSTLE
HEY, EP'S AWAKE.
.....

ISN'T THERE A BETTER WAY?
POSTERS, HUH?
SOME "MISSING" POSTERS.
I'M GONNA PUT UP...


SPENT
I'M NOT!
I'M GONNA HELP LOOK FOR THE BABY DRAGON, TOO!
OH, ME! ME! ♪

I JUST KNOW THAT'S HOW IT'S GOING TO GO!
TREMBLE
WE'LL LOOK FOR THE BABY DRAGON,
AND WE'LL FIND IT.
BUT THEN THE MOTHER WILL SHOW UP AND THINK I'M THE ONE WHO KIDNAPPED IT.
I'LL END UP GETTING EATEN...

WOOM
?!!
BY THE WAY. WHERE'S CAMU?
YOU CALLED?
FLAP
AHAHAHAH.
RRRRRRRRUMBL
DWIK
DWIK
RASP
RASP

YET ANOTHER GROTESQUE SUMMONED MONSTER...
THIS HOUSE IS GETTING PULVERIZED.
NO, NOT REALLY.

ALRIGHT! TIME FOR ANOTHER SUMMONED MONSTER BATTLE!
PREPARE YOURSELF, LUSIA!
RRRUMBLE
SNEER
HM? OH, LUSIA'S SUMMONED MONSTER BOY IS HERE.
UH-OH
キ〃ン
WAIT A MINUTE!
OKAY! GO, NAOTO!
POINT
FIGHT!
たたかえ!
HEY, CAMU! WE'RE NOT HAVING A SUMMONED MONSTER BATTLE TODAY!
FWA!
TODAY, WE'RE GONNA HAVE A BATTLE TO...

FIND A LOST DRA-GON?
A BATTLE TO...
NOT MUCH OF A BATTLE, BUT...
FIND THE LOST BABY DRAGON!
DINK DINK
OK! LET'S DO IT!
WHOEVER FINDS IT FIRST, WINS!
I'LL TA-DAH
GOOD THING SHE'S SUCH A SIMPLETON.
TUP
SMILE
.....
UH-OH.
あ
しまった
NOW I'VE DONE IT.
MAYBE DRAGON-HUNTING WAS A BAD IDEA.

THE ELPHIS ARE HUNTING SOME DRAGONS IN THE WEST DESERT.
WHAT?
Y' KNOW I'VE HEARD THAT...
AM I STUPID OR WHAT?
THE BABY MIGHT BE AMONG THEM.

SWSSHH
IT'S AWFUL...
SKSH SKSH

HUNDREDS OF DEAD DRAGONS.
PHEW

THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE LEFT TO LOOK FOR THE BABY DRAGON.
SKSH
SKSH
ALL THE OTHER MIGRATORY DRAGONS HAVE LEFT ORGOS ALREADY.

IT'LL PROBABLY BE DEAD.
EVEN IF WE DO FIND IT...

ALL THESE CORPSES...

I REALLY AM GONNA DIE IF I STAY HERE!
SHIVE

THEY THINK ALL OTHER CREATURES ARE JUST MAGGOTS...
AND THEIR NEXT TARGET COULD BE US!!
ELPHIS! THEY HAVE SUCH ENORMOUS POWER, AND THEY KILL JUST FOR FUN!
LUSIA AND GARUL AREN'T EVEN TRYING TO HIDE FROM THEM.

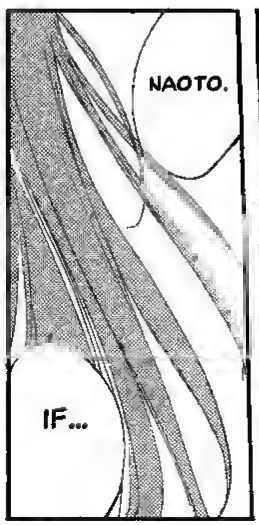
KILLING HUGE DRAGONS LIKE THESE...

I NEED TO GO HOME, QUICK!
HEY, LUSIA.
I...
SKSH
ザッ
ザッ
SKSH
WHAT?
I'VE DECIDED.
I'M GONNA SEARCH HERE.

WAIT A MINUTE!
W...
SKSH
SKSH
HELP ME STOP HER!
YOU KNOW SHE'S NOT GONNA FIND ANYTHING HERE...
L3
WHIRL
FWP
AH, GIMME A BREAK!
SKSH SKSH SKSH
LUSIA'S LIKE THAT.
NOD NOD
ONCE SHE MAKES UP HER MIND, NOTHING CAN CHANGE IT.

WHAT AM I DOING? I SHOULD LEAVE HER ALONE.
THAT BABY DRAGON COULD'VE LEFT HERE WITH THE REST OF THE GROUP, RIGHT?
SKSH
SKSH
HEY, LUSIA! WAIT!
.....

EVEN IF YOU COULD FIND IT, HE'D BE DEAD!
WHY ARE YOU TRYING SO HARD TO LOOK FOR IT?
THIS IS NONE OF MY BUSINESS... I SHOULD BE FINDING A WAY OUT OF HERE INSTEAD.


NAOTO.
IF...

OH.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT.

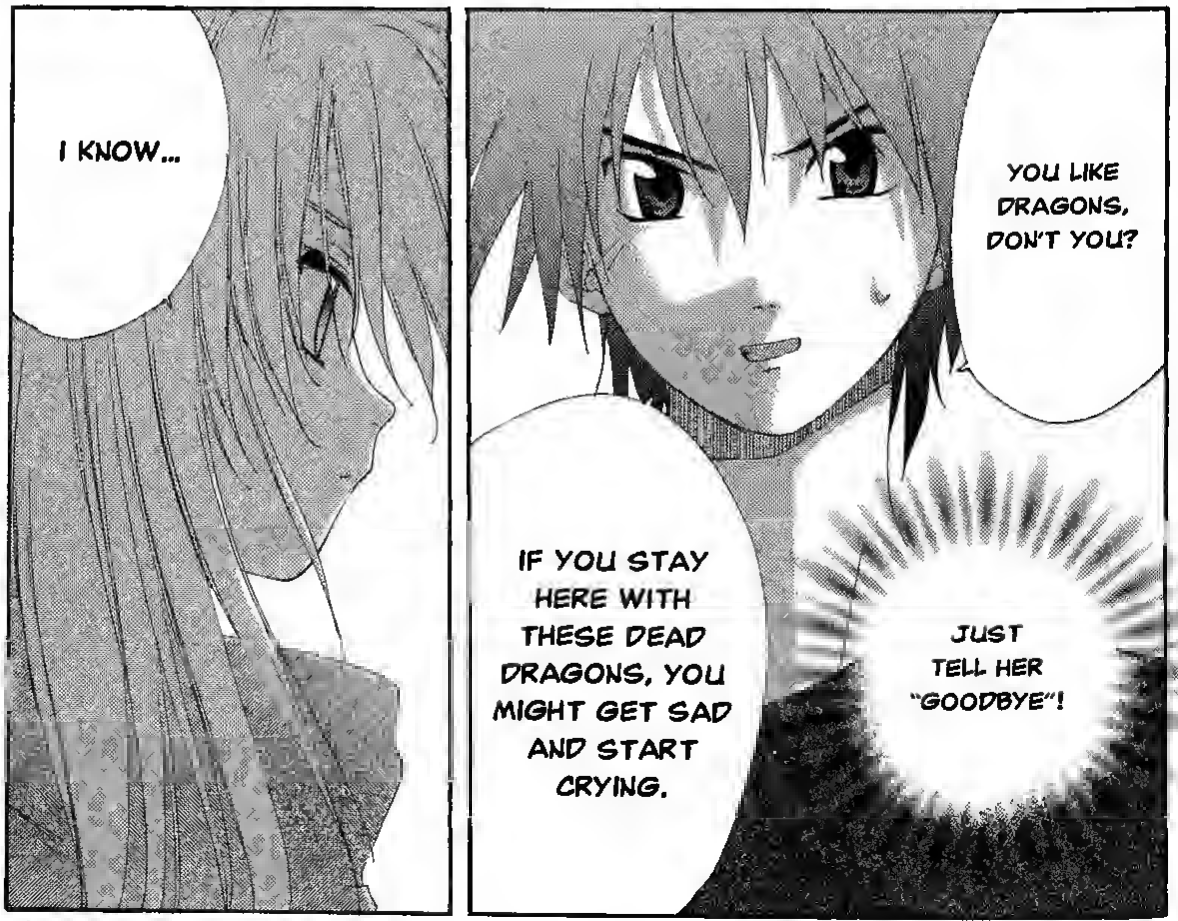
.....
SKSH

.....
SOB...

IF IT WAS ME...
I'D WANT YOU TO LOOK FOR ME, EVEN IF I WAS DEAD.
BESIDES, EVEN IF WE DON'T FIND THE DRAGON WE'RE LOOKING FOR, MAYBE WE CAN FIND OTHER DRAGONS THAT'RE STILL ALIVE.
.....
I CAN'T GET INVOLVED! I HAVE TO TELL HER I'M GONNA LEAVE.
THUMP
ドキ

THAT'S WHY I WANNA LOOK.
SMILE

I KNOW.
NOD
WHAT AM I TALKING ABOUT?
AND YOU MAY NOT FIND ANYTHING, ANYWAY.
BUT, IT'S GETTING DARK ALREADY... AND ALL THIS DUST WILL MAKE YOUR PRETTY HAIR GET DIRTY...


I KNOW...
YOU LIKE DRAGONS, DON'T YOU?
IF YOU STAY HERE WITH THESE DEAD DRAGONS, YOU MIGHT GET SAD AND START CRYING.
JUST TELL HER "GOODBYE"!

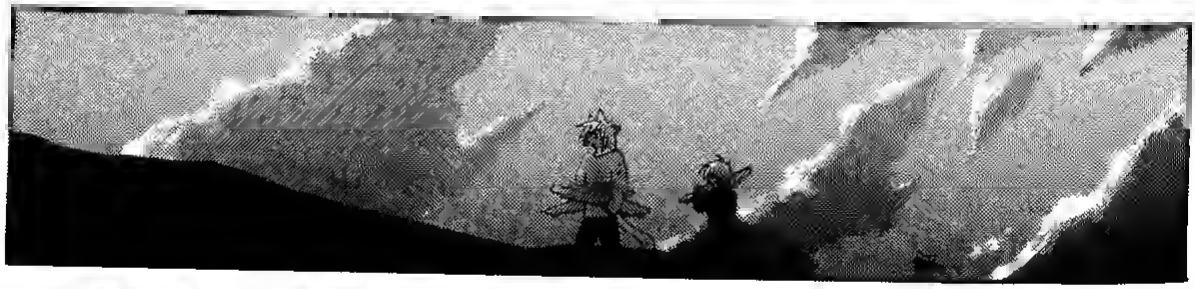
HONESTLY, I DON'T WANT LUSIA TO FIND A DEAD BABY DRAGON, BUT...
I HAVE NO CHOICE.
I'LL HELP YOU LOOK!
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT!
I WAS GONNA HELP HER TO BEGIN WITH, IF THOSE WERE HER ORDERS.
HMMM
WHY YOU ...
HEY!
WAIT!
I'M GONNA DO MY BEST, TOO!
LET'S LOOK TOGETHER.
HOP

I'LL HELP YOU LOOK, TOO!
POINT
URGH.
A SUMMONED MONSTER MUST FOLLOW ITS MASTER'S ORDERS!
OF COURSE YOU WILL!
DUH-DUUM
SIIIIIGH
YES, I SAID IT!
NO!
YOU WILL WORK FOR ME UNTIL YOU DIE!!
I DON'T CARE WHAT LUSIA SAYS! I'M LEAVING HERE FOR GOOD!
BUT, BUT!
THIS IS GONNA BE THE LAST THING I'LL DO FOR YOU! AFTER THIS, I'M NEVER COMING BACK TO ORGOS AGAIN!

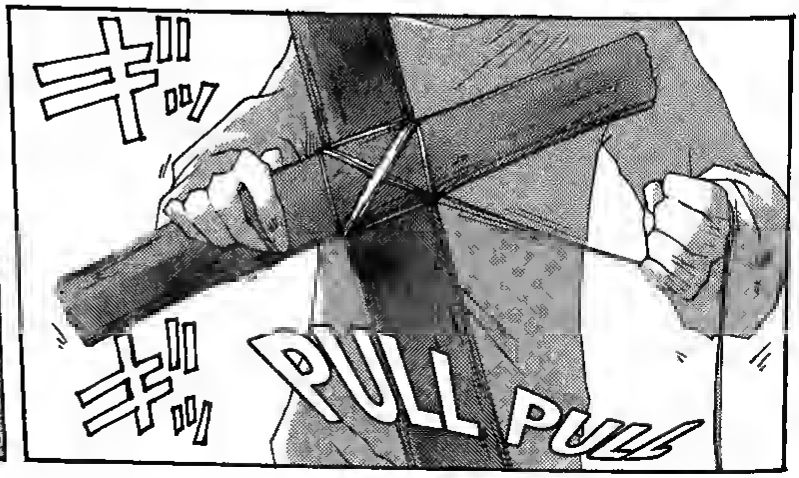
OK.
THANKS, NAOTO.
THANKS, EVERYONE!
HUH?

あれれ？
HUUHH?
LET'S GET STARTED.
YEAH.

MEE, WHERE ARE YOU?



PLUNK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キコ
PULL PULL

WHY'S HE SO ENTHUSIASTIC ALL OF A SUDDEN?
.....
WHERE ARE YOU, BABY DRAGON?!
TUP TUP TUP

WHAT CAN HE DO?
ALL SUMMONED MONSTERS HAVE SOME SPECIAL ABILITY, BUT WHAT'S HIS?
.....

MAN...

I DON'T KNOW.

COME ON, YOU! GET OUT HERE!

THIS IS MY FIRST AND LAST JOB!
I'LL FIND THAT DRAGON NO MATTER WHAT!
DASH
?!
I'M HERE!
WHAT WAS THAT?
FWP
HERE! RIGHT BEHIND YOU

URGH!
THIS IS HEAVY!
AGGH...
YES! I THINK IT CAME FROM UNDER THIS DEAD DRAGON!
UNDER THIS DRAGON?
IT MUST BE TRAPPED UNDER HERE!
I CAN'T LIFT THIS MYSELF.
GRRRRおおー
WE CAN MOVE IT IF WE WORK TOGETHER.
Y... YEAH!
ONE! TWO!
!!

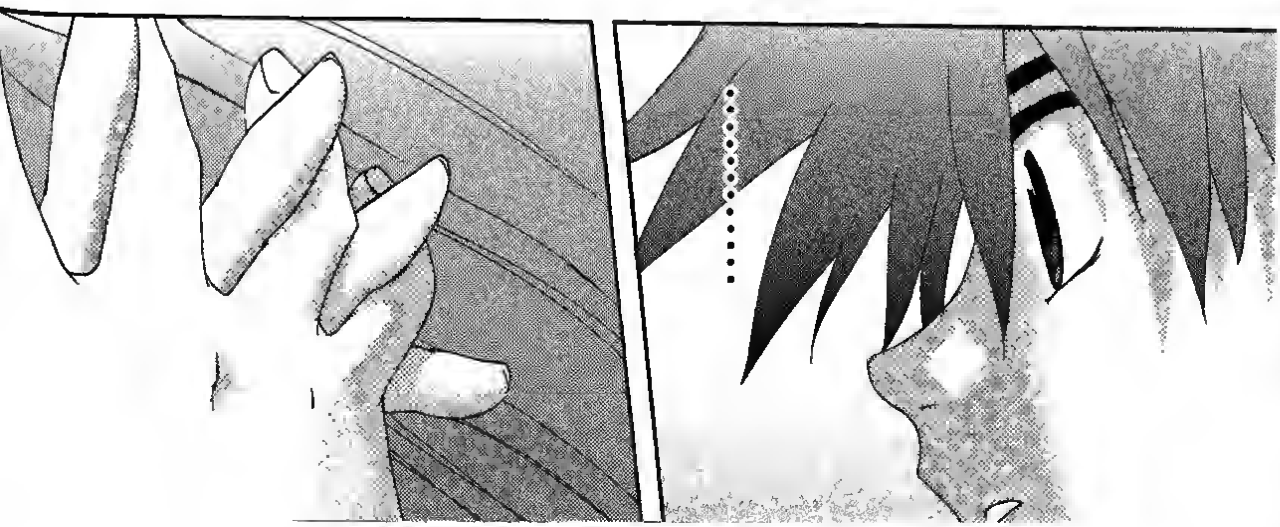
!
THREE!
ROLL
WE FOUND IT!
!
WHIMPER
IT'S ALIVE!
LUSIA!

MEE!
!
P.HEW
13.
YES!
I DID IT!

HAHA! YOU'RE KIND OF CUTE, AREN'T YOU?!
MEEE
MEE
THIS IS MY LAST JOB.
WHAT A RELIEF.
HAHA
GOODBYE EVERYONE.
IT'S BEEN FUN, REALLY.
けっこう楽しかったぜ…

LUSIA.

THANKS, NAOTO.



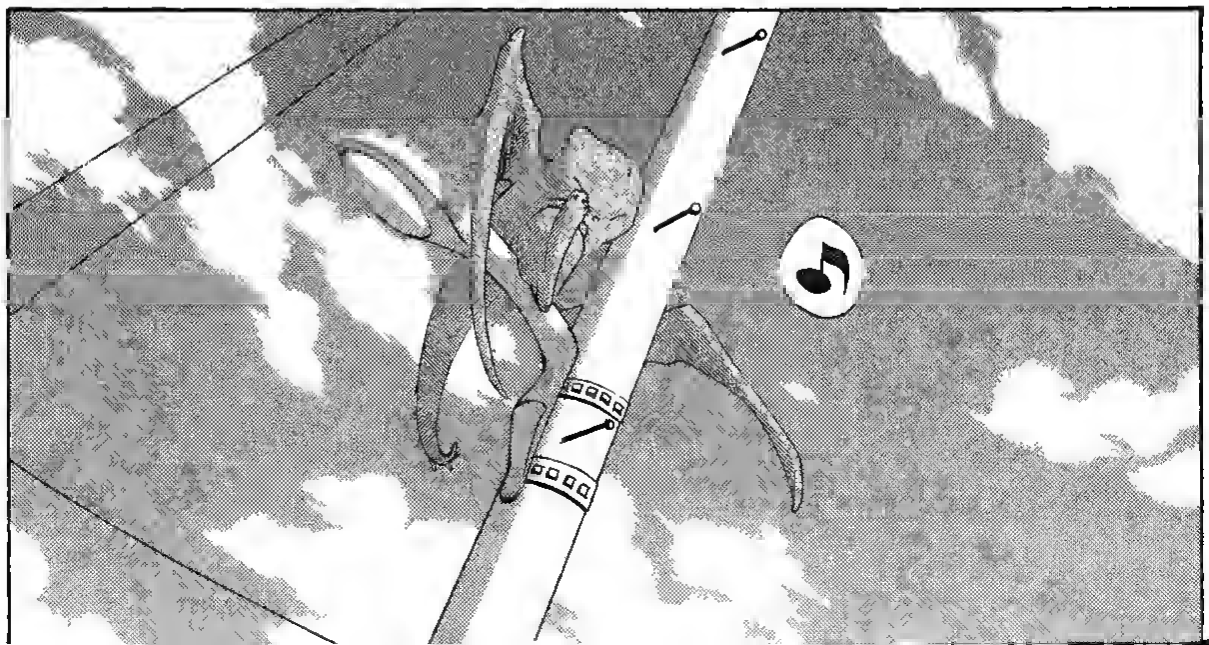
SEE YOU.

HE DISAPP-EARED.
POOF
THE BABY DRAGON, TOO?
W-?
HMM?
TAP TAP
?
WHAT?
UMM...
A TAIL?!
MEE
BLINK
HMN...
MORNING ALREADY?

#4 LOST DRAGON
under the blue sky

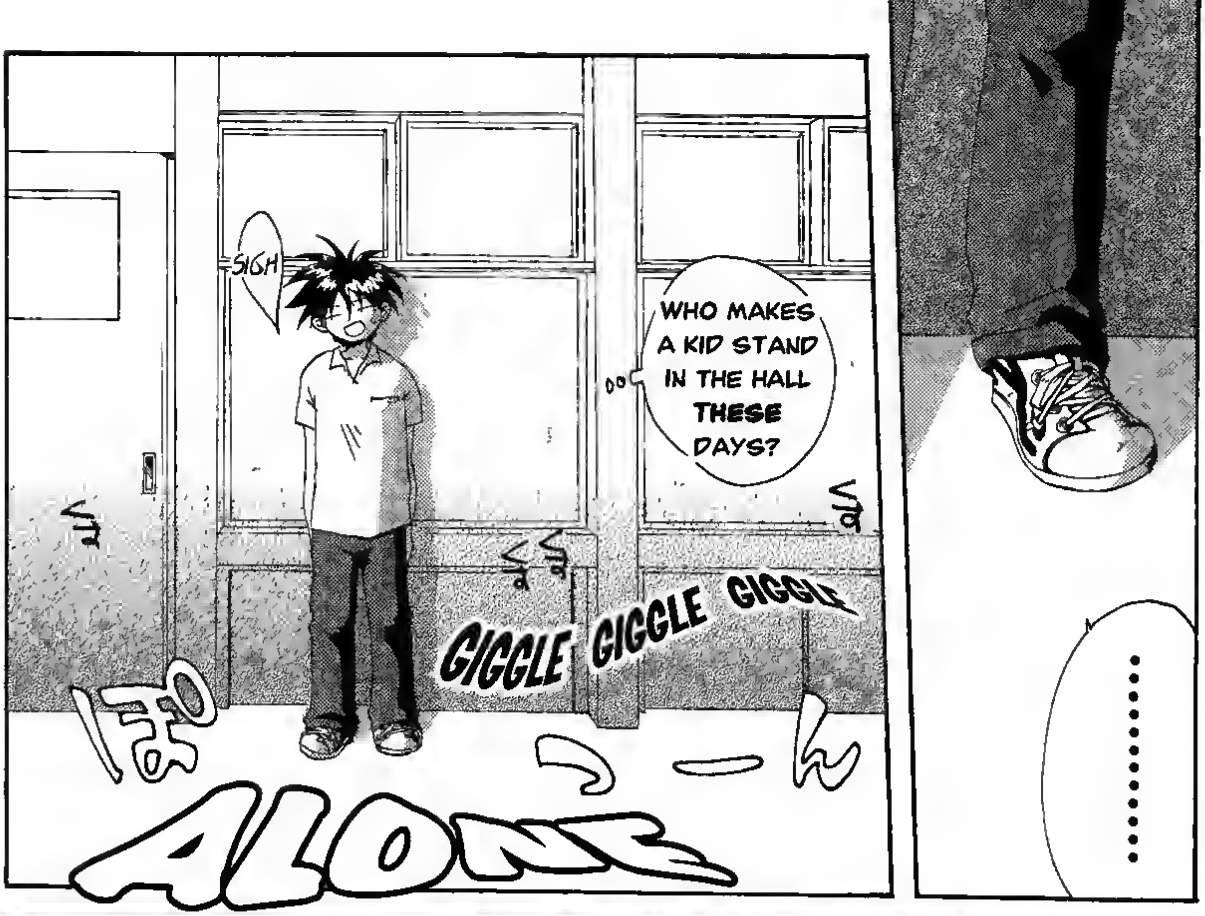
RRRIING
2
3
4
RRRRRIING
DAZED
HMN...
MORNING ALREADY?
TAP
?
I THOUGHT I JUST SAW SOMETHING.
RUSTLE
CLICK

TAIL
I BETTER GET READY FOR SCHOOL.
YAAAWN!
STRETCH
JUST MY IMAGINATION!



SNOOOORE
SNOOOORE
HE'S SLEEPING AGAIN.
WAKE UP! NAOTO SAKI!!
TEACHER

GLARE!!
JUMP
SHUT UP! I TOLD YOU I'M NOT GONNA FIGHT!
I'M NOT LIKE YOU GUYS! I'M JUST A HUMAN! I'M WEAK!
?
ガーン!!
CLATTER
あれ…え? ここ学校…?
WHAT? HUH? I'M AT SCHOOL?
UH-OH.
HAHA...


SIGH
WHO MAKES A KID STAND IN THE HALL THESE DAYS?
GIGGLE GIGGLE GIGGLE
ALONE
.....

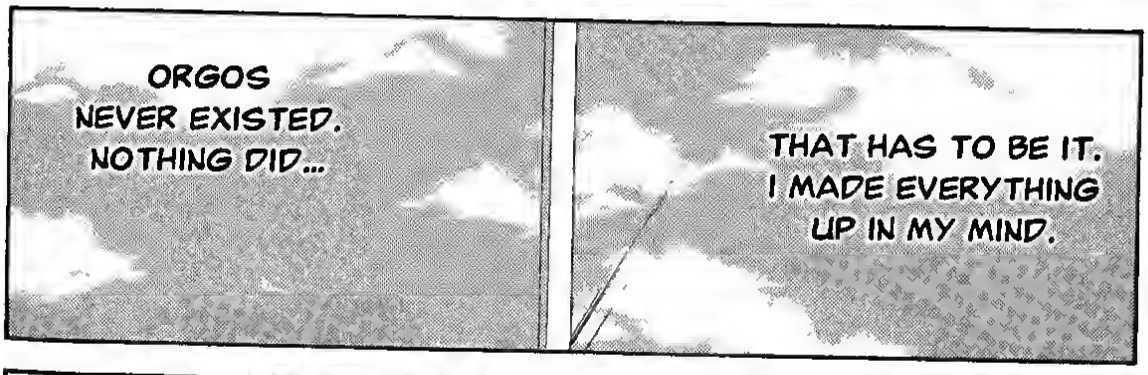
なんで？
WHY?
I THOUGHT I WAS STILL ON ORGOS
I USUALLY AM WHEN I WAKE UP FROM A DREAM.
HMM...

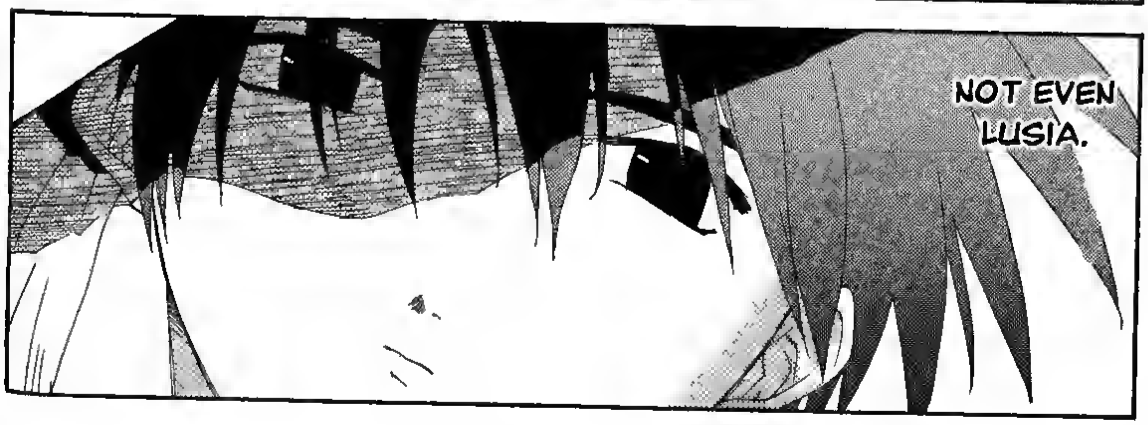
I GUESS THIS MEANS I'VE FINALLY ESCAPED FROM THAT NIGHTMARE!
OH!
PAF

I'M LEAVING HERE FOR GOOD!

No more nightmares.

CHAK CHAK CHAK
NEXT, TURN TO PAGE 142.
MAYBE IT WAS JUST A NORMAL DREAM AFTER ALL.
EXERCISE 1... LET'S SEE...
NISHIHARA, DO NUMBER 1.
NISHIYAMA! YOU DO EXERCISE 2.
YES SIR.
I DON'T KNOW IT, SIR!
CLATTER
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY.

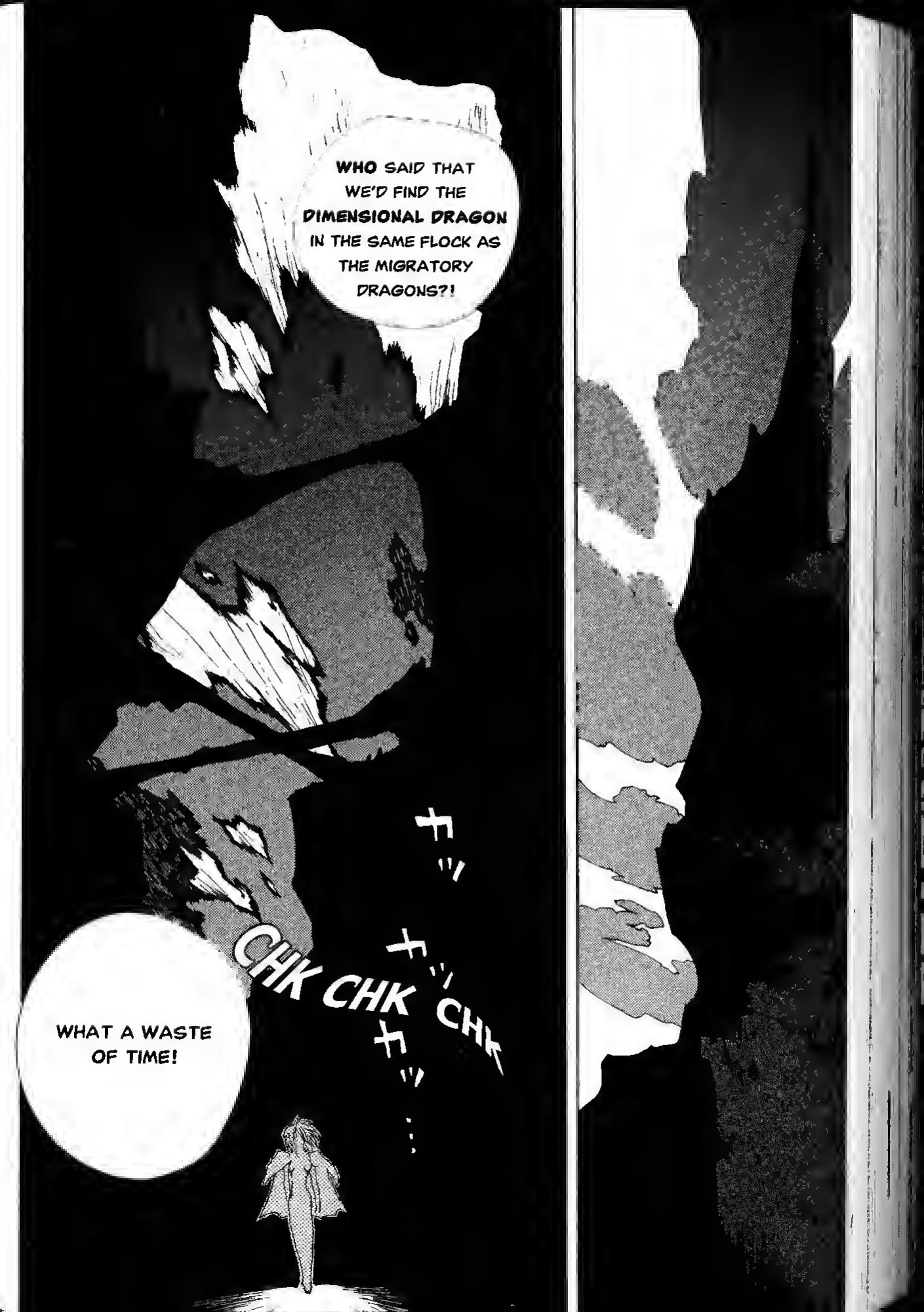




AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I **WANT** TO BELIEVE.

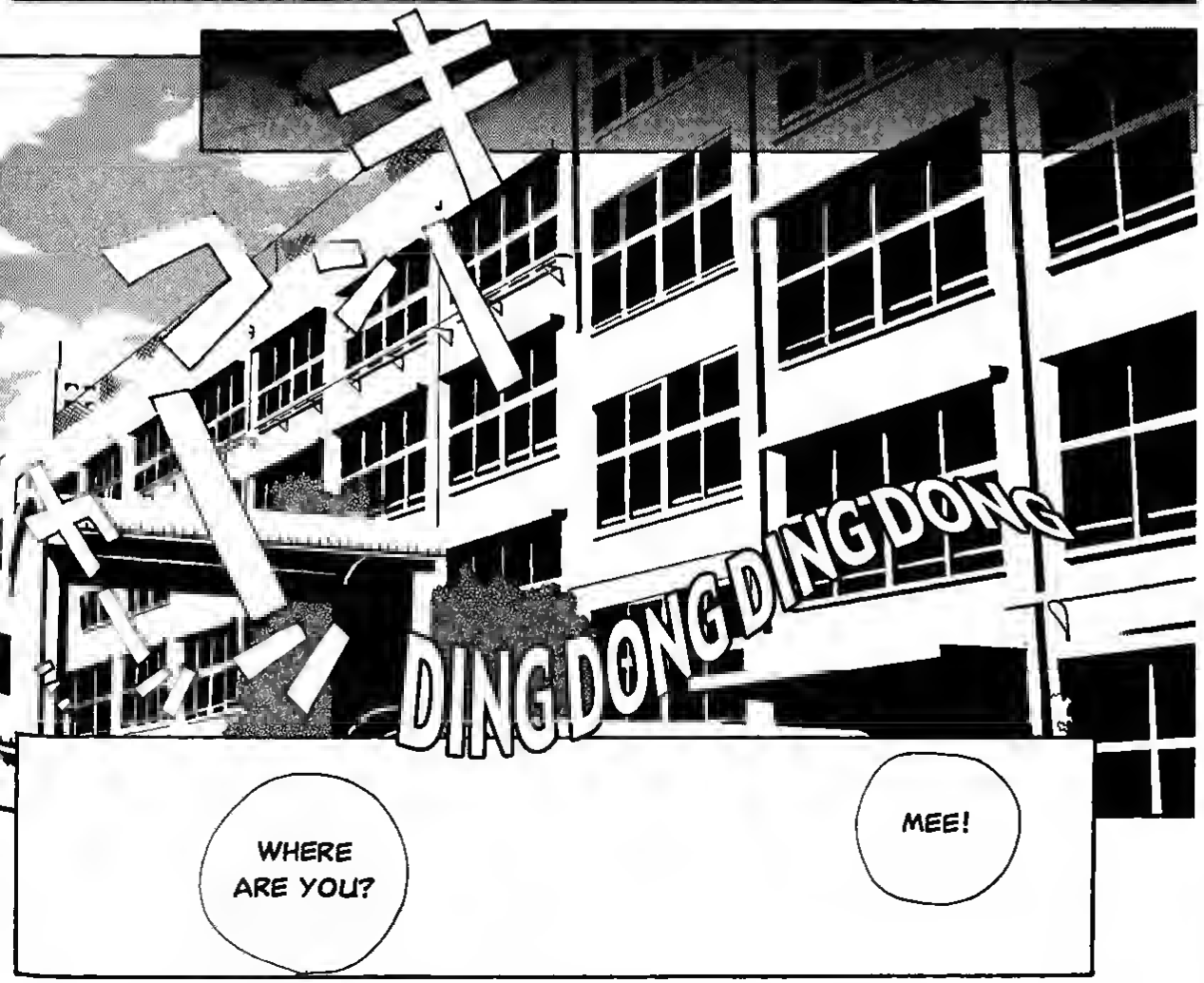
WHAT?
SOMETHING'S FLYING.
A BIRD?

AM I DAYDREAMING?
!
FWIP
THAT SHADOW! IT'S MEE!
DASH
NO, I'M NOT!
HEY, WAIT!
WHERE DID HE GO?
NAOTO! THE TEACHER SAID TO COME BACK TO THE CLASSROOM.
CLACK
WHAT'S IT DOING IN THIS WORLD?!

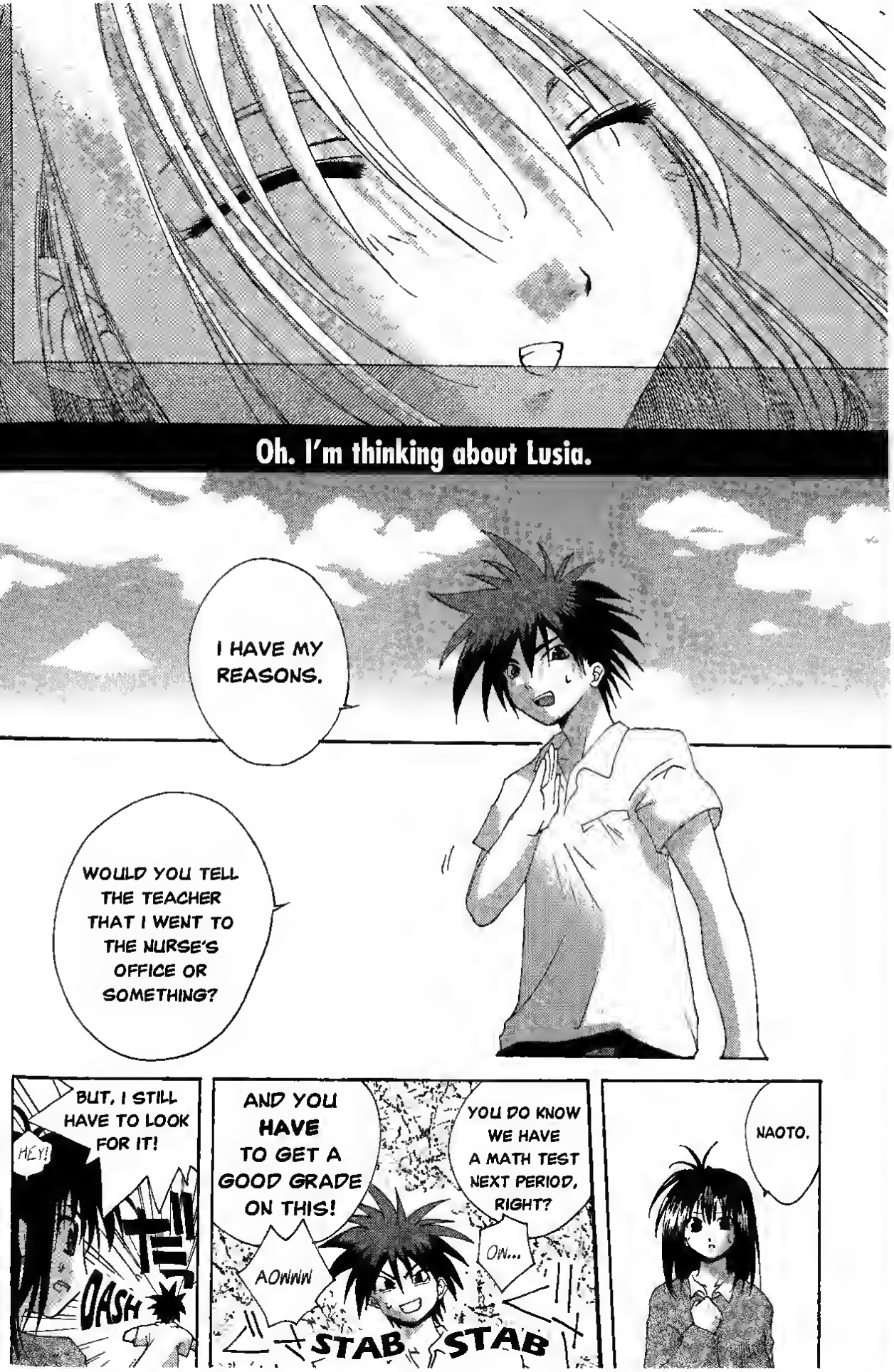

WHO SAID THAT WE'D FIND THE DIMENSIONAL DRAGON IN THE SAME FLOCK AS THE MIGRATORY DRAGONS?!
CHK CHK CHK
WHAT A WASTE OF TIME!

STRUM
THERE'LL BE ANOTHER ONE IN 100 YEARS.
THE DIMENSIONAL DRAGON ONLY COMES TO OUR PLANE ONCE A CENTURY. HE HIDES AMONG THE MIGRATORY DRAGONS.
I EVEN WENT SEARCHING IN THE ABYSS!
YOU KNOW, SOME ACTUALLY LIKE TO GO THERE... TO THAT FESTERING MAGGOT'S NEST.
THAT'S NOT SUCH A LONG TIME. OUR KIND LIVE ALMOST FOREVER.
I DON'T WANT TO WAIT ANOTHER 100 YEARS.

I WANT THE POWER OF THE DIMENSIONAL DRAGON! NOW!


キーン
DING DONG DING DONG
WHERE ARE YOU?
MEE!

UH, YEAH. SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
EXCEPT IT'S NOT A CAT, IT'S A DRAGON.
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE NEXT CLASS.
……
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CAT OR SOMETHING?
MEE!
WHY? IS LOOKING FOR A CAT MORE IMPORTANT THAN GOING TO CLASS?
UMM...
BUT I'VE GOT TO FIND IT.
だってルシアが…
LUSIA'S PROBABLY LOOKING FOR IT.
WELL...


Oh. I'm thinking about Lusia.
I HAVE MY REASONS.
WOULD YOU TELL THE TEACHER THAT I WENT TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE OR SOMETHING?
BUT, I STILL HAVE TO LOOK FOR IT!
HEY!
DASH
AND YOU HAVE TO GET A GOOD GRADE ON THIS!
AOWWW
YOU DO KNOW WE HAVE A MATH TEST NEXT PERIOD, RIGHT?
OW...
STAB
STAB
NAOTO.

I HAVE TO FIND MEE!
I MUST'VE BROUGHT IT HERE WITH ME...
MEE!
SO IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO SEND IT BACK!
FLAP
FLAP
HMMMM
TA
TA
THE THING IS, SENDING IT BACK MEANS I HAVE TO TAKE IT BACK. TO ORGOS.
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M WORRIED ABOUT LUSIA OR ANYTHING.
BUT MY GRADES ...
TUP TUP TUP TUP TUP
UMM, MAYBE I SHOULD GO BACK TO CLASS. HAHAHA...
TURN
YAAUGH!
IF IT'S THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU, I'LL HELP YOU LOOK, TOO!
WHAT?
CLENCH
NAOTO!

WHAT WAS THAT SCREAM?!
MEE!
ミィだ!!
WHIMPER
A STUFFED DRAGON? COULDN'T BE...
WHAT IS THIS?!
MUTTER
WHIMPER
HUH?
WHAT THE?!
MUTTER
AHH!
MUTTER
IT MOVED.
WHAT IS IT?
ULP
BOMP BOMP
OK! LET'S CATCH HIM!
CREEP

HYA!
BWAM!!
?!!
PHEEEW
HEY!
MY BAT!
DID IT DO THIS?!
OH NO.
NO.
W, WHAT?
SNAP
SNAP
BWSH
BWSH
SNAP
MEE ♪
WOO!!

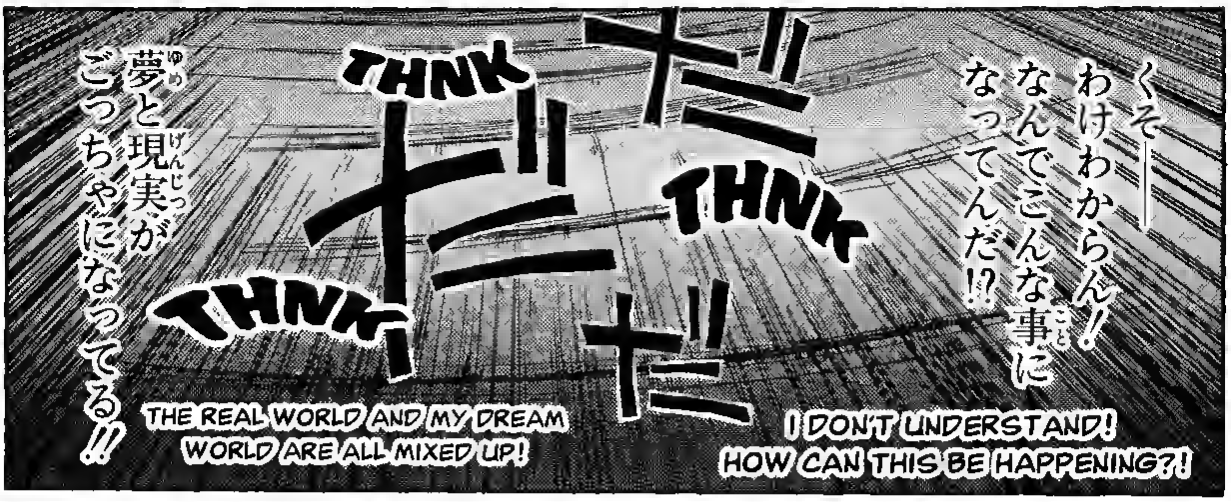
CRACK
CRRC
FWOP
IT CAN FLY!
BWOOSH
KSH
WHAT THE?!
AAH!
SPRINKLE SPRINKLE
WHAT?!
CRKK CRKK
SKRASH!
AAAH!
KSH
WAUGH!

THE GROUND!
KA-THNK
FWOO
?!
WHA?!
AIII!
SKRASH!
SHWP
WHOOA!
KSH
SPRINKLE
KRK
KRK

DING-DONG DING-DONG
This is an emergency onnouncement. A suspicious person hos entered the moin building... Huh?
What do you meon?
Be mare specific! Hey!
He... uh, It is naw on the second floor of the moin building!
It's a, uh... a UFO? A monster?
What ore you bobbling obout?!
There's no cause for olorm...
but o very dongerous onimal is in the building!
?
SHUFFLE
WHAT ?!
IS THIS A DRILL?
IT'S TOO WEIRD...

Um, anywoy, if you're still inside the building,
follow your teocher's instructions and... Run! NOW!!
Augh, it's coming this woy!
Run!
MEE
Oh, hey ...
Wh, whot IS thot thing?!
WAUGH!
AAAAAH!
CLATTER
HSSSSS
IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR?
WHAT A MESS.
AHAHA...
A CAT?
GATHER
GATHER
WHAT'S GOING ON?

NO, I'M NOT THERE ANYMORE.
!
MEE'S IN THE BROAD-CASTING ROOM!
AH...
DASH
I'LL BE WAITING AT THE TOP.
MEE!
HSSSS
I repeat! Any students left inside,
HSSS HSSS
HSSSS
一番上(いちばんうえ)…
屋上(おくじょう)!
THE TOP... THE ROOF!
WAIT! I'M GOING, TOO!


くそ わけわからん! なんでこんな事になってんだ!?
夢と現実がごっちゃになってる!!
THNK
THNK
THNK
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HOW CAN THIS BE HAPPENING?!
THE REAL WORLD AND MY DREAM WORLD ARE ALL MIXED UP!

NO, IDIOT! THIS ISN'T A DREAM!
WAIT!
NO, IT'S REAL! THE DRAGON'S HERE, BUT IT'S ALL REAL!
IT CAN'T BE!!
HUFF HUFF.
THNK
THNK
THNK
THNK
THNK
THNK
そうだ わけのわからない事ばっかりだった
俺はむこうにたくさんの謎をおいてきたんだった
わかんないままにしてゆっくり寝てられるかッ
THAT MEANS ORGOS WAS REAL TOO. BUT THERE ARE SO MANY MYSTERIES I LEFT BACK THERE.
IF I DON'T SOLVE THEM, HOW CAN I EVER SLEEP IN PEACE AGAIN?

ルシアはなんで俺のことを知っていたんだ?
HOW DID LUSIA KNOW ME?
なぜ俺をむこうで実体化させた?
WHY DID SHE SUMMON ME TO HER WORLD?
BANG
LUSIA... SHE NEVER DID SAY "GOODBYE."
THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S NOT OVER YET.
IT'S NOT TIME TO SAY GOODBYE YET.

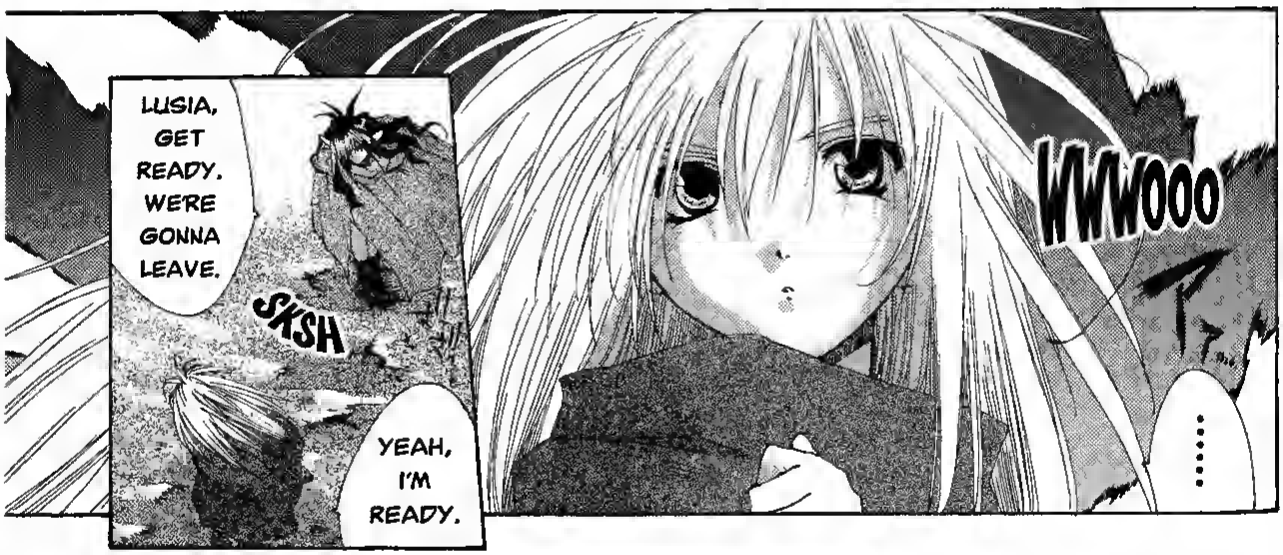
HEY YOU! LOOK AT ALL THE TROUBLE YOU'VE CAUSED!!
NAOTO
COME ON! LET'S GO BACK TO ORGOS!
どどどどど
STOMP
STOMP
If you're still inside
follow your teacher's...
MEE ♫
THE FIRST THING LUSIA SAID TO ME WAS...
"WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER," RIGHT?
"FROM NOW ON, WE'LL..."
AND THE LAST THING LUSIA SAID TO ME...
「ありがとうじゃあ…」
"SEE YOU LATER."
"THANKS, NAOTO."

NAOTO!
COME ON! LET'S GO!
CHISATO... I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
I'VE GOTTA GO.
WAS GOING TO GO SOMEWHERE VERY, VERY FAR AWAY.
TAKE CARE OF THINGS FOR ME!

ルシアが呼(よ)んでる…！
LUSIA'S CALLING ME!
AT THAT MOMENT...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU'VE GOTTA GO? WAIT, PLEASE!!
I HAD A VERY BAD FEELING THAT NAOTO...

immedi-
ately!
Get out of the
building...
I
repeat.
THWMP
NAOTO!
TOTTER
!
ATTENTION
ALL
STUDENTS
FOLLOW
YOUR
TEACHER'S
NAOTO!
FWOOOOSH

SUMMON NAOTO.
FWWWWWOO
IT FAILED AGAIN?


LUSIA, GET READY. WE'RE GONNA LEAVE.
SKSH
YEAH, I'M READY.
WWOOO
.....

ARE YOU UP TO THIS?

NOD
LET'S GO TO THE TOP.
A DESERT.
HM.
FWOOOO

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I'M BACK IN ORGOS AGAIN.
……?
……
HMM?
I'M A DIMENSIONAL DRAGON. I CAN TRAVEL THROUGH SPACE AND TIME.
I'M NOT GOING BACK TO ORGOS FOR ANOTHER 100 YEARS.
SO YOU'LL HAVE TO GO THERE ALONE.
I'M GLAD I MET YOU, NAOTO.
ちょっとでも会えてよかったよナオトクン
IT'S INTERESTING TO SEE A HUMAN WITH THE SAME ABILITY THAT I HAVE.
君は僕と同じ力を持っていて実に興味深い♪

GOODBYE, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. ♪
FWOOOO
LUSIA.
WHAT?! MEE?
NO WAY. I'M BY MYSELF?

#5 REUNION

WHAT DID YOU TELL LEVI?
THAT WE'RE GOING OUT, AND WE'LL BE BACK BY DINNER.
FWOOOO
NO REASON.

DO YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND WHERE WE'RE GOING?
WHY ARE WE GOING TO THE UPPER REGION?
WELL I NEVER ASKED YOU...
YEAH. SO?
I JUST WANTED TO STIR THINGS UP A LITTLE.
THAT'S ALL.

BUT LUSIA, THEY'RE NOT GONNA LET US GO SO EASILY...
NOT UP HERE! WE'RE DEALING WITH THE ELPHIS!
"THAT'S ALL?!" ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!
I COULD ASK YOU THE SAME THING. YOU CAME ALONG WITHOUT BOTHERING TO ASK.
YES, YOU MIGHT BE MORE POWERFUL THAN THE ELPHIS...
BUT THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
.....
THE POINT IS, YOU LOSE CONTROL WHENEVER YOU FIGHT THEM.

WHEN LUSIA'S OUT OF CONTROL, I DON'T THINK I COULD STOP HER IF I TRIED.

TRYING TO **OVERCOME** THAT LOSS OF CONTROL.
MAYBE SHE'S ...
HEY, LUSIA,

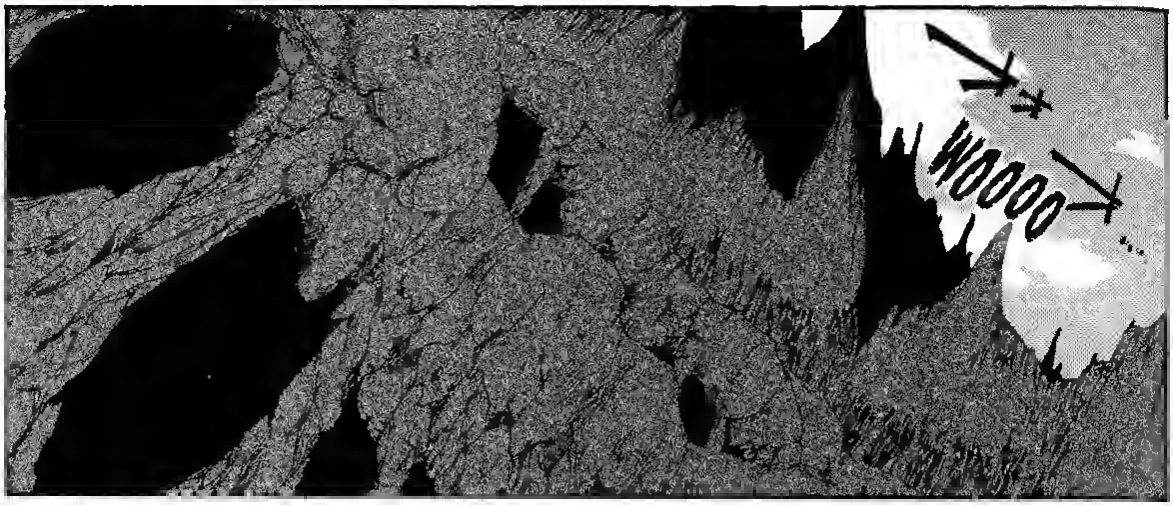
WHAT DO YOU...?
IF WORSE COMES TO WORST,
I CAN ALWAYS CALL FOR NAOTO! SO DON'T WORRY!
.....
HE WON'T BE ANY HELP!
YOU'RE AN IDIOT!
FWOOO

UP-IN-YOUR-FACE
YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO SUMMON THAT BOY, BUT YOU CAN'T, CAN YOU?
UH...
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU TRY,
IT DOESN'T WORK. YOU CAN'T FOOL ME!
OH, THAT REMINDS ME!
AHAHAHA
AN AMATEUR LIKE YOU COULD NEVER DO A TECHNIQUE AS DIFFICULT AS SUMMON MONSTER!
I KNEW YOU WERE JUST LUCKY THE FIRST TIME.
NAOTO WILL BE BACK.

TO SUMMON A MONSTER, THERE **MUST** BE A STRONG TIE BETWEEN MONSTER AND MASTER.
AN EMOTIONAL TIE.
IF THE MONSTER DOESN'T **WANT** TO HELP, IT COULD REFUSE ITS MASTER'S CALL!!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH THE MASTER BECKONS...

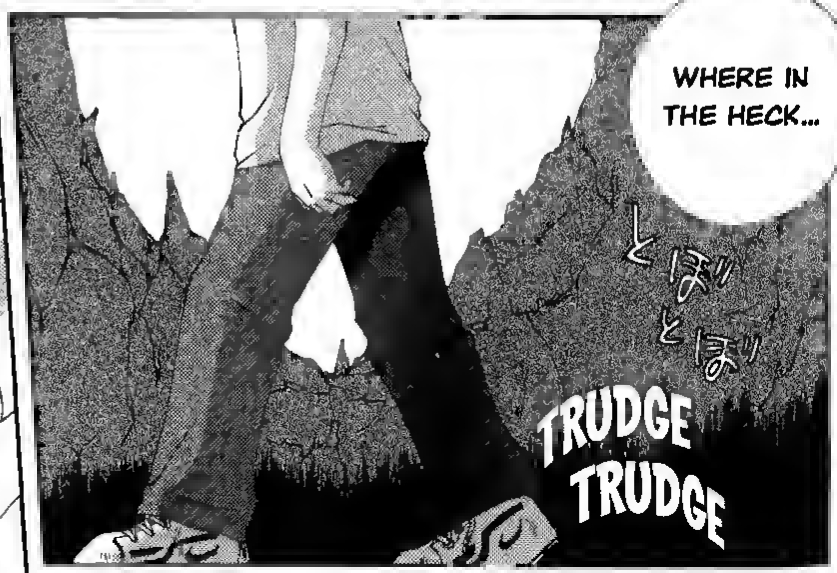
HE... HATES ME?
……
SO I GUESS HE HATES YOU, HUH?
……
POINT!
HYAAAA!
?!
BOOM
今度こそ……
HE'LL COME THIS TIME.
FYOOOOO
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON ME!

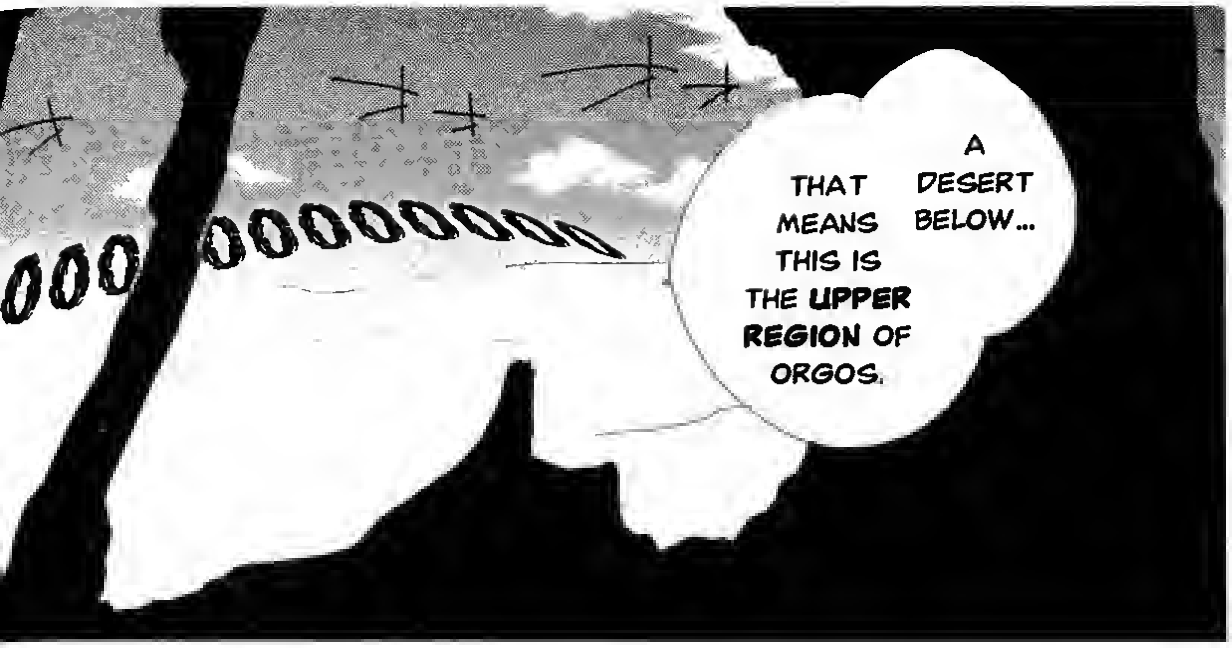
SUMMON
ナオト
しょーかーんっ
NAOTO!


WOOOO

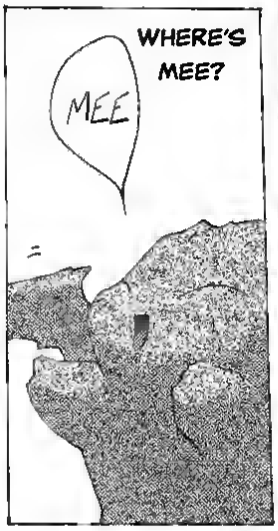
WOOOO

SIGH
AM I?


WHERE IN THE HECK...
TRUDGE TRUDGE


A DESERT BELOW...
THAT MEANS THIS IS THE **UPPER REGION** OF ORGOS.

WHAT IF I COME ACROSS THE ELPHIS?
I MEAN,
SCARED
THEY'RE GONNA **KILL** ME!


WHERE'S MEE?
MEE

NAOTO ...
ルシアは？
WHERE'S LUSIA?

WHY AM I **HERE?**
ぽつん
SO ALONE!
I MEAN, WHY AM I BY MYSELF?

IN OTHER WORDS...
AN ELPHIS DEN.

I SENSE SOMETHING...
THUMP
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM, BOY?
キター!!!
THEY'RE HERE!

SKSH

SKSH
ザ
エルフィス…!!
ELPHIS!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
FWSSHH
FWOO
ANOTHER ONE?!
!! HUH? は!!

WHENEVER WE FIND A SAND DUST...
GLARE
WE KILL THEM.
WORRR
TUP
WHAT? WE SHOULD KILL HIM QUICKLY.
OR DO YOU PLAN ON MAKING HIM A SLAVE?
.....
DURA, WAIT.

GLARE
PWF
.....
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP THIS THING!
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
ANSWER NOW, OR DIE!
UH...
YOUNG MAN.
FOR JUST A MOMENT, I FELT A DIMENSIONAL WARP...

THE SAME AS WHEN THE DIMENSIONAL DRAGON APPEARS IN THIS WORLD!
?
HUH? DOES HE MEAN MEE?
THE DIMEN-SIONAL DRAGON...
YOU HAVE COME HERE WITH THE DIMENSIONAL DRAGON.
WHERE DID YOU HIDE IT?
UH...
WHERE DID I COME FROM?
THUMP
THUMP
HOW CAN I EXPLAIN?

THESE PEOPLE... THEY'RE AFTER MEE, THE DIMENSIONAL DRAGON, HUH?
OK, JUST CALM DOWN!
IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION, IF I TELL THEM I DON'T KNOW, THEN THEY'LL JUST KILL ME!
POUND
ドクン
こいつら…
目的はミイ…
時空竜か
ドクン
POUND
H...
HIDE IT?
YOU MEAN IT'S SOMEWHERE NEARBY?!
WHAT?!
BUT!!
THEY'LL PROBABLY KILL ME IF I TELL THEM WHERE HE IS, TOO!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
SWEATING BULLETS
冷汗
UGHH...
UHH, WELL...
TELL ME NOW!
WHERE IS IT?!

WALKING A DRAGON?!
WAIT A SECOND.
I WAS JUST TAKING THE DRAGON FOR A WALK!
AHAHA.
I'VE NEVER EVEN WALKED A DOG.
BUT WHEN I LOOKED AWAY FOR A MINUTE, MEE WAS GONE.
OH, MEE IS THE NAME OF MY DRAGON.
MEE?
GAWK
HA HA.
HE ALWAYS RUNS AWAY LIKE THAT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HIM.
PHEW
IF I CALL HIS NAME, HE'LL FLY RIGHT BACK TO ME!
BUT IT'S OK!
YAY!
REALLY?!
HE'LL FLY RIGHT BACK?!
OF COURSE!
WOW!
THAT DRAGON LIKES ME A LOT!
FWP!

ARE YOU LYING ?
SPIN
IT'S JUST, UH, I HAVE KIND OF A SORE THROAT. NOW, SO ...
COUGH, COUGH.
DRAGONS NEVER TAKE A LIKING TO SAND DUSTS.
GLARE
I WILL KILL HIM!
THAT'S RIGHT! SEE YA!
DASH
!
HELP ME!
HELP...

TWINKLE
DIE!
ルシアー!!!
LUSIA!

... WHAT?
NAOTO!

BWOOOOSH
WHOA!

THUMP
CAMU
NAOTO!
まと
HUH?
YOU CAME!
来てくれた!!
会えた!!
LUSIA!
I'M HAPPY
TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

WELL, COME ON!
STAB!
FIGHT, MY SERVANT!
SWP
WHAT?!

I MISSED YOU!
LUSIA ...

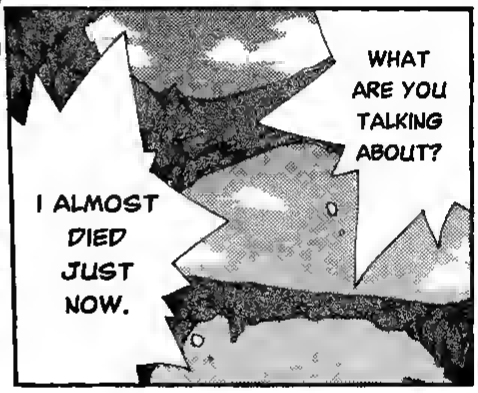
GRIN

?

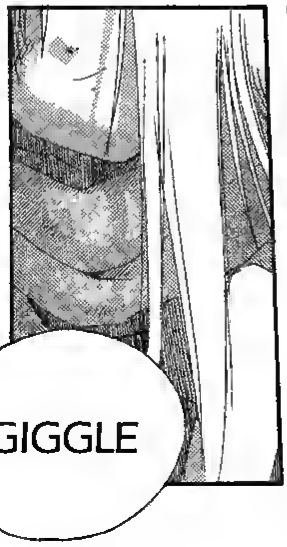
SHE WAS ALMOST CRYING A MINUTE AGO.
WELL, SHE'S SURE FULL OF SPUNK NOW!
BUT YOU'RE MY SUMMONED MONSTER, NAOTO.
FIGHT? HEY!
I'M THE ONE WHO NEEDS HELP HERE!

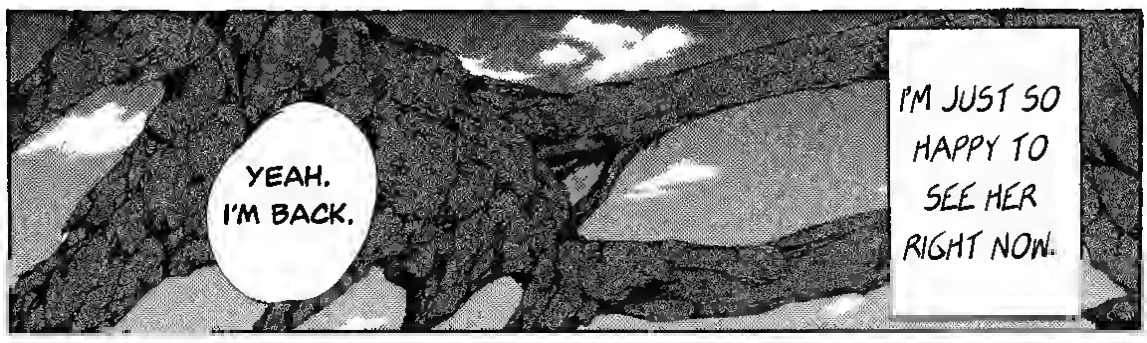
SLAYDIS?
I DON'T SENSE THE DIMENSIONAL DRAGON HERE.
AND WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO INTERACT WITH SAND DUSTS IF WE DON'T HAVE TO.
WHAT WAS IT? WHAT FELL FROM THE SKY?!
LET'S GO.
WAIT A MINUTE, SLAYDIS!
...
PLOP
PHEW. I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE.

EVERYTHING THAT I WAS THINKING... JUST WENT "POOF."



I HAD SO MANY THINGS I WANTED TO ASK HER... BUT WHAT WERE THEY? OH WELL.





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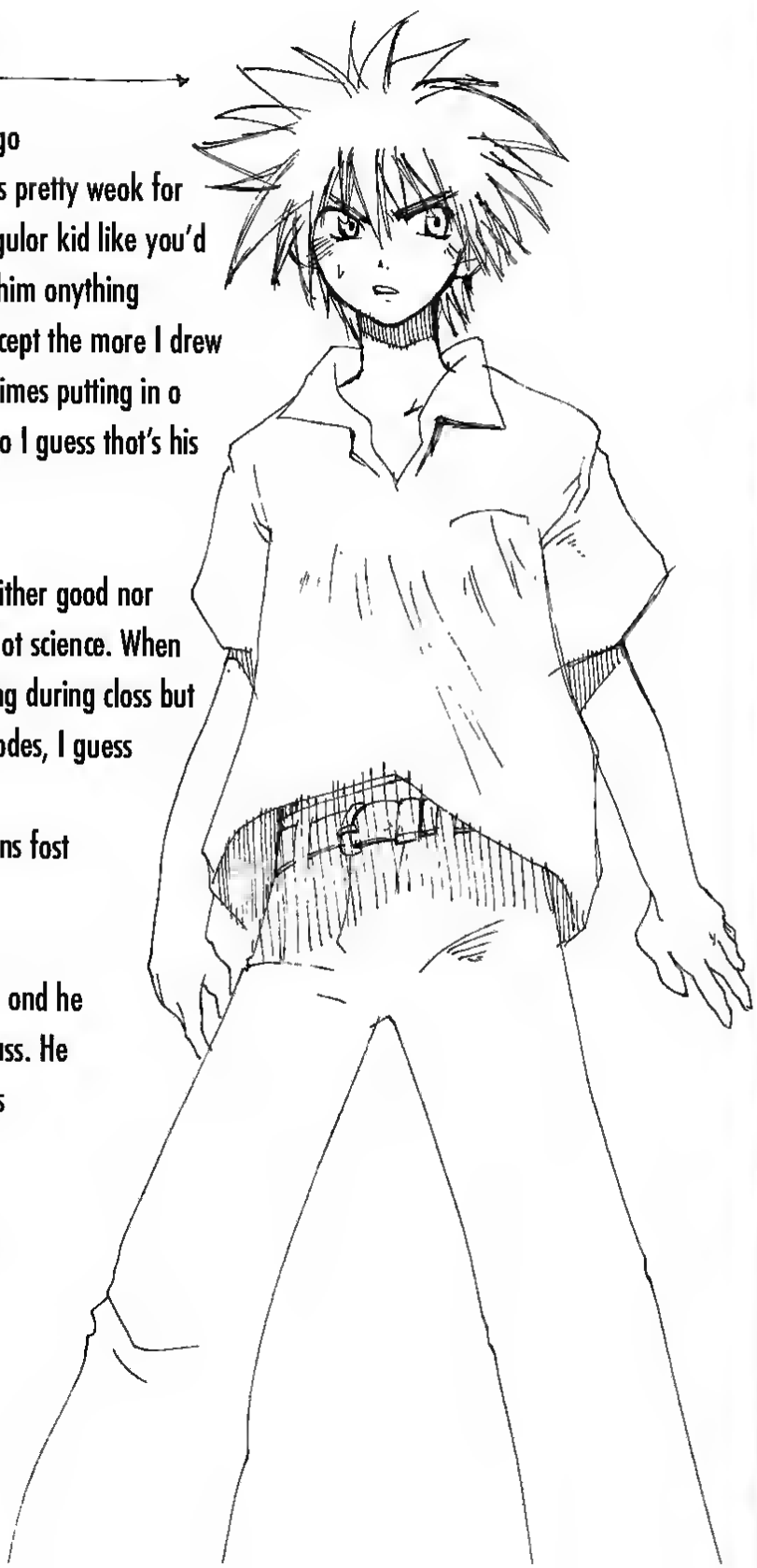
"ANYTHING GOES" CHARACTER DESIGN
CAST OF CHARACTERS (THE REAL WORLD)

NAOTO SAKI



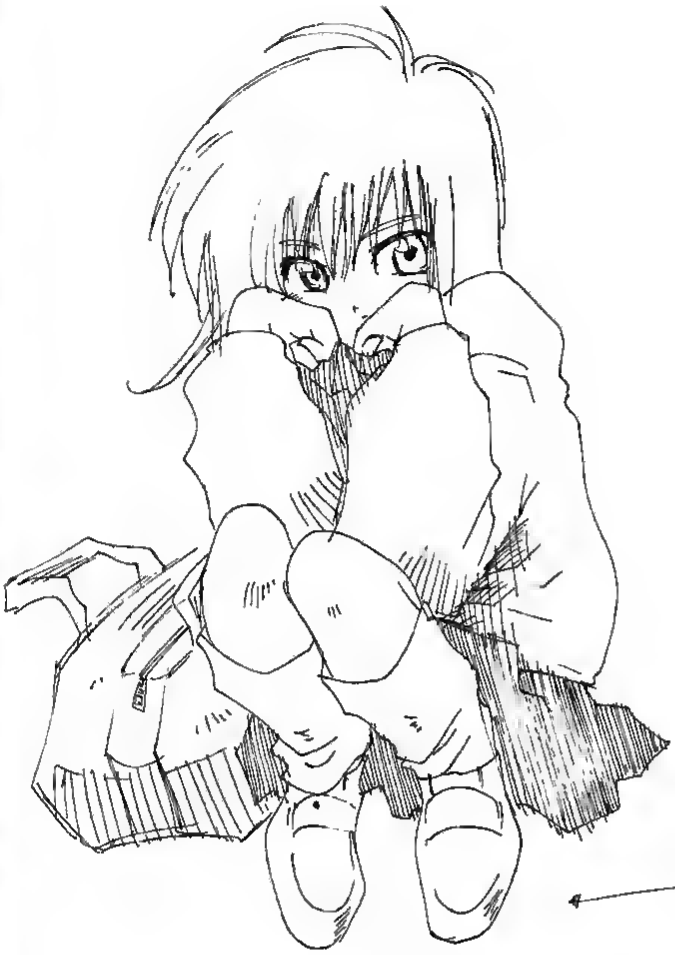
The main character of this manga (well, he's supposed to be). He's pretty weak for a protagonist. Naoto's just a regular kid like you'd find anywhere, so I didn't give him anything distinctive as far as looks... Except the more I drew him, I realized that I was sometimes putting in a furrow between his eyebrows. So I guess that's his distinctive characteristic!

Naoto's grades at school are neither good nor bad, just average. He's not bad at science. When you consider he's always sleeping during class but still manages to get average grades, I guess he's actually rather smart.
He's pretty athletic, too—he runs fast (and often).

He only has a couple of friends, and he borrows notes from them for class. He doesn't have as many friends as it might seem.

Chisato is his childhood friend.

His hobby is sleeping.



Wow! Her lost nome is finolly reveoled! I hadn't even decided her first nome until ofter o few instollments.

As far os her appearance goes, I don't hove mony ideos. The only thing is thot she's weoring long sleeves oll the time for some reason.

Chisoto is Nooto's childhood friend, but not his girlfriend. They went to the some elementary ond junior high school together. She's o lot smorter thon Nooto, but she went to the some high school so she could be with him.

Chisoto is in the ort, literature ond droma clubs. She's on outstonding student who's good ot both othletics ond ocodemics (unlike Naato she hos multiple tolents). On top of thot, she likes toking core of people. She hos the potentiol to be populor, but since she's quiet she doesn't stand out very much in the clossroom.

She has o strong sense of justice, ond she's moture.

Ah, naw **this** one is more like o moin chorocter...

THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES IN

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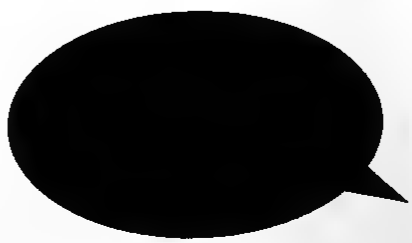
Nooto's fontosticol dreomlond hos turned into on obsession. Once ogoin, he returns to the mogicol ond threotening world of Orgos, only to foce the chollenges of o ploce disturbed by violent unrest. Nooto, Lusio ond the others continue to bottle the evil Elphis, but Nooto's new friends hove olso become o source of problems. Comu spends most of her time with o bottle of booze ond Lusio is on the verge of o meltdown, due to the constont pressures of her inner voice, Lucovifote, to kill the Elphis. Fontosy ond reolity intertwine os Nooto continues to struggle with his mogicol troining, but he moy risk more thon he originolly thought, especiolly if he projects his powers in the wrong direction— like, ot himself!



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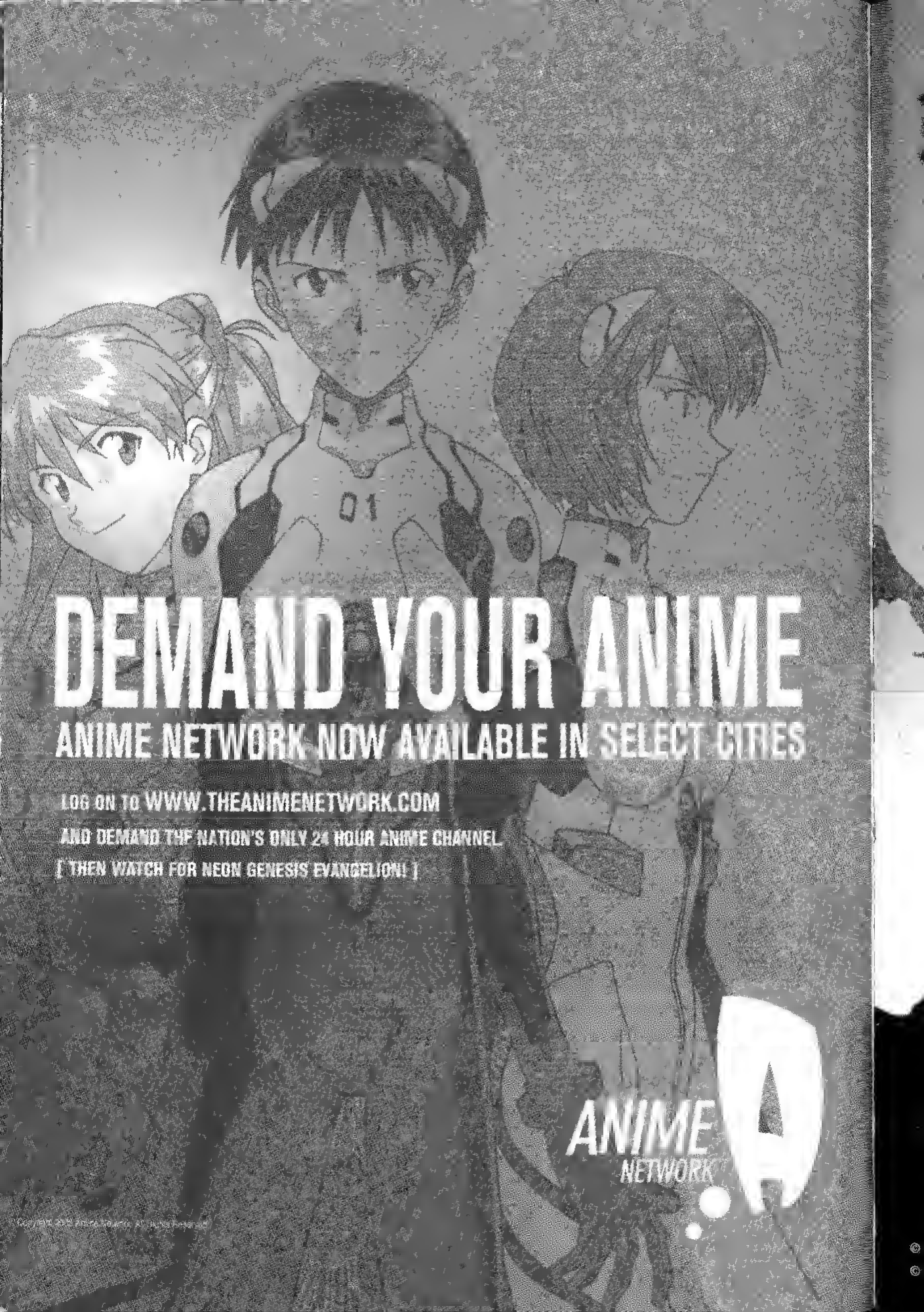
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